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TO THE
VISITING JUSTICES

OF THE
LANCASTER COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM.

THE Medical Officers have great pleasure in taking a retrospective view of the various alterations and improvements which have taken place, during the past year, in the Lancaster County Lunatic Asylum. Since the last report all the flags in the basement story, on the female side of the institution, have been removed, and a deal floor has been substituted. The benefits arising from this alteration are by no means inconsiderable. The noise in that part of the establishment is thereby materially diminished, the strong ammoniacal odour, which was always perceptible in the stone galleries, has altogether disappeared, the wards and galleries are no longer damp and cold, accidents have been less frequent, and the patients are now as well satisfied with their accommodation there, as in any other part of the institution.

Whilst engaged in effecting this change, the opportunity was embraced not only of more thoroughly ventilating the basement story, but of introducing heated air, by a simple contrivance with which the Visiting Justices are already familiar. It is hoped that both these ends have been attained, although, as yet, the Medical Officers have scarcely had a sufficient trial of these alterations, to speak with decision as to their effects. The introduction of gas throughout the whole establishment, is a very valuable addition to the comforts of the Asylum. Independently of having lessened the labours of the attendants, there is an air of cheerfulness in every department of the building during the long winter evenings, which it was impossible to procure when the establishment was lighted with oil.

The advantages arising from the grant of land, which the Visiting Justices have at length been able to procure, promise fully to answer the wishes and anticipations of the Medical Officers. They already begin to experience the beneficial effects of being enabled to employ a large number of the inmates in out-door labour. The benefit not only shows itself by the bodily and mental improvement in the patients so employed, but the inconvenience arising from the crowded state of the institution is greatly diminished, and all the patients who are not permitted to work on the land, are now, however, enabled to partake of the advantage of more general exercise in the old airing courts, than could under former circumstances have been afforded them, and in a few months, it is hoped that the airing courts will be so amplified and increased, as to afford all the accommodation that can be desired in this way; upwards of one hundred male patients are now daily employed on the land, and the foundations for the boundary wall and the necessary operations for changing the direction of the road have been altogether effected by their labour, excepting in so

far as they have been aided and assisted by a limited number of workmen, who superintend and direct the various excavations. It is, perhaps scarcely necessary to observe, that no patient is ever induced to engage in such labour against his inclination, although it is not improbable that some little indulgences, granted to parties so employed, may form an additional inducement, and increase the alacrity with which they tender their services. Abundance of occupation will thus be found during the remainder of the summer and autumn, but as during the inclemency of the winter, all out-door labour must necessarily be in a great measure suspended, it is therefore desirable to point out to the Visiting Justices, the absolute necessity of completing before that period, the extensive workshops and sheds, about to be erected for the accommodation of the patients. Whilst the Medical Officers have been enabled to employ daily, upwards of one hundred patients on the newly acquired land, they have still found spare hands to attend to the few acres of ground under spade husbandry; and in addition, they have recently employed a number of women in weeding the land, and in hoeing the crops; an occupation at once grateful to the feelings of the patients, and beneficial to their general health. Many of the patients at present engaged in the various workshops, and in out-door labour, are permitted to dine together out of the establishment, and by being thus entirely separated, for the time, from the rest of the inmates, their confinement is rendered less irksome, inasmuch as their general condition, more nearly resembles that of so many independent workmen. Besides the direct advantages which accrue to the patients themselves, in the promotion of their recovery and comfort, from the practice of employing them in various occupations, a very material point is gained, in the way of facilitating their general management, by diminishing the amount of

irritable feeling which exists in the institution, and for this reason, a great saving is effected in sundry items of annual cost, which were formerly by no means inconsiderable, among these may more especially be mentioned the article of window glass.

The benefits derivable from exercise and employment, being admitted on all hands to be of paramount importance in the treatment of the great majority of Insane Patients, the provision for the attainment of these advantages, must always form a leading subject of consideration, if not the most essential point of all, in the economy of public Hospitals for their reception. Whether regarded as an expedient for augmenting the means of recovery, or as being merely conducive to the mitigation of a permanent and irremovable affliction, this provision is alike absolutely indispensable; and in contemplating the available means for extending the scope, and diversifying the modes of future occupation for the inmates of the Lancaster County Lunatic Asylum, the Medical Officers, although highly gratified with the recent acquisition of Land, are certainly not prepared to state that its extent is more than sufficient for the present necessities of the institution.

In consequence of the strong representations made by the Medical Officers, in last year's report, of the over-crowded state of the institution, the Visiting Magistrates came to the judicious determination to limit the number of patients to be admitted to 600, until further accommodation could be provided, and an intimation to that effect was forwarded not only to every Magistrate in the County, but was also widely circulated among the various Overseers and Relieving Officers, accompanied with an intimation that no patient would in future be received, unless it had first of all been ascertained that such patient could be accommodated. In consequence of this rule having on several occasions been violated, pa-

tients have been subjected to great inconvenience and injury, and parishes to an unnecessary expence. It is therefore desirable that the attention of Magistrates, committing patients from a distance, should be called to this decision of the Visiting Justices, and more especially, that they should enquire of the parochial authorities, whether they have first of all ascertained that such patients can be admitted.

The Medical Officers cannot refrain from urging upon the Visiting Justices the necessity of using all expedition in providing that additional accommodation for patients, in the contemplated new wings, which, from the very numerous applications for admission, it is quite evident the County much requires; and, in adverting to the subject of structural improvements, they deem it to be no less a part of their duty, to represent to the Visiting Justices, the urgent necessity that exists for extending and improving the culinary department of the institution; as the present arrangements for this purpose are not merely inferior to those of any similar public institution with which they are acquainted, but are exceedingly inconvenient, and altogether inadequate to the present requirements of the Asylum.

The general management of the establishment is conducted with the same care and supervision, and on the same principles as heretofore.

Such patients as are incapable of employment out of doors, are furnished with the means of occupation within, and with the exception of those who are incidentally sick, and some persons whose reduced mental capacity renders them utterly incapable of comprehending any thing, every patient in the Asylum is daily occupied in some work of greater or less utility. Amusements of various descriptions are constantly promoted, and no opportunity is allowed to escape of con-

tributing to the general air of comfort and cheerfulness in every department of the institution.

The general tranquillity of the institution on Sundays has been most materially promoted, by encouraging the habit of reading and singing in the different wards, as mentioned in last year's report. Few arrangements have been attended with happier results than this; and it is truly delightful to witness the calm, and it may even be said, the devotional feeling that seems to pervade the whole establishment on that sacred day. The system of moral management and control, in contradistinction to mechanical restraint and coercion, is strictly adhered to, and since first adopted, it has only once been found necessary to depart from it, and that in the case of a very violent and uncontrollable epileptic patient, who had got an impression that the Medical Officers durst not have recourse to any coercive measures, such as were formerly in constant use, no matter how outrageous his conduct. This patient was placed under restraint for six hours, with the best effects as regarded himself, and with great advantage to several parties in his gallery, who had, through his instrumentality, shewn symptoms of great insubordination. It was with some reluctance that such a measure was had recourse to, and it was not adopted until all ordinary palliative means had failed in producing the desired effect.

The advantages of having a resident House Surgeon have now been fully developed, and the Medical Officers are enabled to speak with confidence of the value of the appointment. They are thus in a position to make arrangements that the institution shall never be left without medical supervision, and to carry out the general details of the establishment more fully and more satisfactorily than could otherwise be accomplished.

The cases of incidental disease occurring during the year

have been of an ordinary character, and the institution has not been visited by any epidemic malady within that period. Attempts at suicide have been much less frequent than formerly, and the Medical Officers are glad to state, that no fatal event of this nature has taken place since last report. Notwithstanding that the number of patients is now limited, and that the fresh admissions are consequently much fewer than on preceding years, the Medical Officers have the gratification to report an increase in the percentage of cures, and a diminution in the amount of mortality, which, taken together, considerably exceed the general average return for any corresponding period, since the institution was fairly established.

However much it may be desirable, as a matter of social economy, to obtain a perfectly accurate history of the cases previous to their reception, so as to be able to appreciate the amount of influence due to each particular cause of mental alienation, it is probable, that the difficulties which lie in the way of acquiring such information will never be entirely surmounted. It has been truly remarked, that it is not always easy to discover the cause of insanity, even for those who are most desirous to do so; for to obtain positive information respecting the origin and dependency of the phenomena of the disease, it is often necessary to interrogate at different times the relatives, the friends, and the acquaintances of the patient, as well as the patient himself, and not to consider that we have ascertained the truth, until we have exhausted all our inquiries, and attentively considered the probability of the statements which have been made to us. The Medical Officers of public institutions for the reception of the insane being altogether dependent, in this respect, upon the good faith and accuracy of parties resident at a distance, are necessarily restricted to approximative data, with refer-

ence to the causes of insanity, and in many instances are compelled to disregard entirely the vague and unsatisfactory statements made to them, although there can be little doubt that much more, as well as more precise intelligence upon this point, might readily be communicated in the majority of instances, if those individuals entrusted with the care of the patients previous to their admission into the Asylum, would bestow more attention upon the printed questions upon this subject, which are submitted to their consideration.

In drawing up a summary of the alleged causes of insanity in the cases which have been admitted into this establishment during the past year, the Medical Officers have deemed it advisable to arrange them in such a manner as may be most promptly available for the purpose of exhibiting their general character, as well as their relative frequency of operation; and they trust that this arrangement will not merely tend to facilitate the examination of the returns, but by exemplifying what is particularly aimed at, will afford an additional inducement to the Officers of the various Unions to investigate the antecedent history of each case with the utmost possible accuracy and attention. The value of such information can only be properly appreciated by those who are actually responsible for the care of the patients; but its importance in the treatment of individual cases, as well as in reference to the general discipline of the institution may readily be conceived.

For information respecting the particulars of work effected by the patients in the house, the numbers employed elsewhere, and other general matters appertaining to the business of the institution, the Medical Officers would direct attention to the tables annexed to this report.

The Metropolitan Commissioners have again visited the

County Hospital, and have recorded their opinion of its state and the condition of the patients as follows:

“September 13th, 1843. Lancaster County Asylum.”

“Having during this and the two preceding days officially visited and inspected every part of this Asylum, under the provisions of the 5 and 6 Vict. c. 87, we are gratified to find that the condition of the patients, and of the whole establishment is now quite as satisfactory as it was at the time of the inspection had by the Metropolitan Commissioners in October last year.”

“We are also much pleased to learn that through the liberality of the County, a large and important addition has been made to the ground attached to the institution ; and we have no doubt that the ample opportunities which will thus be provided for the healthful and useful recreation of the patients, will be attended by the most beneficial effects.”

“The number of patients now in the establishment, is less, (as we are informed), by nearly forty, than it was in the beginning of the present year ; but there are still quite as many in it as the buildings can conveniently and properly accommodate ; and it would be greatly to be regretted, and could not fail to be injurious to the systematic arrangements and distribution which are so essential to the successful treatment of insanity, if any permanent addition should be made to the present number.”

“It is satisfactory to find that the bodily health of the inmates is remarkably good, there being, in fact, no acute disease existing in the establishment.”

“The patients appeared to us to be particularly clean and neat in their persons, quiet and cheerful in their demeanour. A very large number of them were employed in various occupations and amusements, and appeared to engage in them with animation and pleasure.”

“The rooms and passages were well ventilated and free from offensive smells, and the state of the whole establishment, was, in our opinion, highly creditable to those to whom its superintendance and management are committed.”

(Signed,) J. W. MYLNE } Metropolitan Commissioners
I. R. HUME, } in Lunacy.

The Medical Officers in conclusion, have the satisfaction to add, that a perfect unanimity of feeling, and an united desire to further the objects of the institution, continue to prevail among all the Officers of the establishment, and they may add that such is the care and kind consideration bestowed upon the patients by the various attendants, and so conversant have they become with their respective duties, that a complaint is now very seldom heard against any of them, even by patients who are prone to put the worst construction upon every act and observation.

EDWD. D. DE VITRE, *M. D.*

SAMUEL GASKELL, *Surgeon.*

Lancaster County Lunatic Asylum,
June 24th, 1844.

TABLES.

| Year | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total | Average |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-------|---------|
| 1871 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 450 | 37.5 |
| 1872 | 12 | 18 | 22 | 28 | 32 | 38 | 42 | 48 | 52 | 58 | 62 | 68 | 480 | 40.0 |
| 1873 | 8 | 12 | 18 | 22 | 28 | 32 | 38 | 42 | 48 | 52 | 58 | 62 | 420 | 35.0 |
| 1874 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 525 | 43.8 |
| 1875 | 18 | 22 | 28 | 32 | 38 | 42 | 48 | 52 | 58 | 62 | 68 | 72 | 560 | 46.7 |
| 1876 | 12 | 18 | 22 | 28 | 32 | 38 | 42 | 48 | 52 | 58 | 62 | 68 | 480 | 40.0 |
| 1877 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 450 | 37.5 |
| 1878 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 525 | 43.8 |
| 1879 | 12 | 18 | 22 | 28 | 32 | 38 | 42 | 48 | 52 | 58 | 62 | 68 | 480 | 40.0 |
| 1880 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 450 | 37.5 |
| 1881 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 525 | 43.8 |
| 1882 | 12 | 18 | 22 | 28 | 32 | 38 | 42 | 48 | 52 | 58 | 62 | 68 | 480 | 40.0 |
| 1883 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 450 | 37.5 |
| 1884 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 525 | 43.8 |
| 1885 | 12 | 18 | 22 | 28 | 32 | 38 | 42 | 48 | 52 | 58 | 62 | 68 | 480 | 40.0 |
| 1886 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 450 | 37.5 |
| 1887 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 525 | 43.8 |
| 1888 | 12 | 18 | 22 | 28 | 32 | 38 | 42 | 48 | 52 | 58 | 62 | 68 | 480 | 40.0 |
| 1889 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 450 | 37.5 |
| 1890 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 525 | 43.8 |
| 1891 | 12 | 18 | 22 | 28 | 32 | 38 | 42 | 48 | 52 | 58 | 62 | 68 | 480 | 40.0 |
| 1892 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 450 | 37.5 |
| 1893 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 525 | 43.8 |
| 1894 | 12 | 18 | 22 | 28 | 32 | 38 | 42 | 48 | 52 | 58 | 62 | 68 | 480 | 40.0 |
| 1895 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 450 | 37.5 |
| 1896 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 525 | 43.8 |
| 1897 | 12 | 18 | 22 | 28 | 32 | 38 | 42 | 48 | 52 | 58 | 62 | 68 | 480 | 40.0 |
| 1898 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 450 | 37.5 |
| 1899 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | 55 | 60 | 65 | 70 | 525 | 43.8 |
| 1900 | 12 | 18 | 22 | 28 | 32 | 38 | 42 | 48 | 52 | 58 | 62 | 68 | 480 | 40.0 |

A Table of Patients Admitted, Discharged Cured, Dead, &c., from the opening of the Institution on the 28th July, 1816.

| | Admitted. | | | Discharged Cured. | | | Dead. | | | Discharged at the request of Friends. | | | Escaped. | | | Average number of Patients. | Per-centage of Deaths. | Per-centage of Cures. |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----|--------|-------------------|----|--------|-------|-----|--------|---------------------------------------|-----|--------|----------|-----|--------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| | M. | F. | Total. | M. | F. | Total. | M. | F. | Total. | M. | F. | Total. | M. | F. | Total. | | | |
| From July 28, 1816 to June 23, 1817 | 35 | 25 | 60 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 3 | ... | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| From June 24, 1817 to June 23, 1818 | 75 | 48 | 123 | 12 | 4 | 16 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 5 | ... | 5 | 2 | ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... |
| 1819 | 35 | 17 | 52 | 15 | 10 | 25 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 2 | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... |
| 1820 | 44 | 36 | 80 | 24 | 14 | 38 | 25 | 6 | 31 | 3 | 3 | 6 | ... | ... | 6 | ... | ... | ... |
| 1821 | 38 | 22 | 60 | 12 | 9 | 21 | 9 | 6 | 15 | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1822 | 62 | 42 | 104 | 16 | 13 | 29 | 12 | 7 | 19 | 5 | 2 | 7 | ... | ... | 7 | ... | ... | ... |
| 1823 | 63 | 52 | 115 | 20 | 15 | 35 | 21 | 12 | 33 | 6 | 7 | 13 | ... | ... | 13 | ... | ... | ... |
| 1824 | 44 | 43 | 87 | 20 | 25 | 45 | 14 | 18 | 32 | 5 | 3 | 8 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1825 | 76 | 55 | 131 | 35 | 20 | 55 | 18 | 18 | 36 | 2 | 2 | 4 | ... | ... | 4 | ... | ... | ... |
| 1826 | 60 | 48 | 108 | 39 | 26 | 65 | 38 | 27 | 65 | 4 | 4 | 8 | ... | ... | 8 | ... | ... | ... |
| 1827 | 83 | 52 | 135 | 27 | 26 | 53 | 37 | 20 | 57 | 12 | 1 | 13 | ... | ... | 13 | ... | ... | ... |
| 1828 | 57 | 57 | 114 | 31 | 18 | 49 | 24 | 20 | 44 | 3 | 1 | 4 | ... | ... | 4 | ... | ... | ... |
| 1829 | 76 | 58 | 134 | 22 | 22 | 44 | 32 | 16 | 48 | 4 | 2 | 6 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1830 | 76 | 63 | 139 | 35 | 30 | 65 | 30 | 16 | 46 | 5 | 3 | 8 | ... | ... | 8 | ... | ... | ... |

| | Admitted. | | | Discharged Cured. | | | Dead. | | | Discharged at the request of Friends. | | | Escaped. | | | Average number of Patients. | Per-centage of Deaths. | Per-centage of Cures. |
|------|-----------|-----|--------|-------------------|----|--------|-------|----|--------|---------------------------------------|-----|--------|----------|-----|--------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| | M. | F. | Total. | M. | F. | Total. | M. | F. | Total. | M. | F. | Total. | M. | F. | Total. | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1831 | 83 | 62 | 145 | 37 | 37 | 74 | 39 | 21 | 60 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 3 | $338\frac{294}{365}$ | 17.75 | 21.86 |
| 1832 | 90 | 72 | 162 | 34 | 35 | 69 | 42 | 27 | 69 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | $344\frac{186}{366}$ | 20.5 | 21.22 |
| 1833 | 74 | 59 | 133 | 18 | 15 | 33 | 87 | 60 | 147 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | $301\frac{104}{365}$ | 48.83 | 10.96 |
| 1834 | 92 | 62 | 154 | 28 | 19 | 47 | 41 | 24 | 65 | 4 | 2 | 6 | ... | ... | ... | $328\frac{255}{365}$ | 19.81 | 14.32 |
| 1835 | 105 | 80 | 185 | 44 | 34 | 78 | 30 | 25 | 55 | 3 | 2 | 5 | ... | ... | ... | $369\frac{105}{365}$ | 14.90 | 21.13 |
| 1836 | 94 | 76 | 170 | 45 | 28 | 73 | 40 | 36 | 76 | 5 | 3 | 8 | ... | ... | ... | $406\frac{208}{365}$ | 18.71 | 17.98 |
| 1837 | 133 | 93 | 226 | 54 | 43 | 97 | 56 | 54 | 110 | 8 | 4 | 12 | ... | ... | ... | $411\frac{321}{365}$ | 26.76 | 23.60 |
| 1838 | 118 | 90 | 208 | 43 | 49 | 92 | 48 | 24 | 72 | 2 | 3 | 5 | ... | ... | ... | $431\frac{348}{365}$ | 16.70 | 21.34 |
| 1839 | 110 | 100 | 210 | 55 | 37 | 92 | 37 | 26 | 63 | 1 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | $489\frac{49}{365}$ | 12.80 | 18.81 |
| 1840 | 117 | 89 | 206 | 54 | 45 | 99 | 58 | 27 | 85 | 2 | 5 | 7 | ... | ... | ... | $523\frac{186}{366}$ | 16.25 | 18.89 |
| 1841 | 104 | 105 | 209 | 28 | 46 | 74 | 46 | 24 | 70 | 4 | 2 | 6 | ... | ... | ... | $552\frac{77}{365}$ | 12.68 | 13.40 |
| 1842 | 98 | 93 | 191 | 42 | 50 | 92 | 40 | 35 | 75 | 5 | 9 | 14 | ... | ... | ... | $588\frac{242}{365}$ | 12.75 | 15.64 |
| 1843 | 136 | 131 | 267 | 48 | 55 | 103 | 42 | 29 | 71 | 19 | 7 | 26* | ... | ... | ... | $617\frac{127}{365}$ | 11.50 | 16.69 |
| 1844 | 87 | 95 | 182 | 48 | 78 | 126 | 40 | 22 | 62 | 17 | 36 | 53† | ... | ... | ... | $613\frac{99}{366}$ | 10.11 | 20.55 |

* Nineteen of this number were non-pauper Patients, and were discharged by order of the Visiting Magistrates.

† Fourteen of this number belonged to other Counties, and were discharged by order of the Visiting Magistrates.

EXTRACT FROM THE DAILY ACCOUNT OF THE STATE OF THE
PATIENTS.

MALES.

| EMPLOYED. | MONDAY 17. | | TUESDAY 18. | | WEDNES. 19. | |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| | Morn. | Aft. | Morn. | Aft. | Morn. | Aft. |
| Working in the Garden | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| „ in Land | 53 | 90 | 54 | 90 | 53 | 53 |
| Drying Clothes | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Working in Airing-courts... | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 | .... | .... |
| Other out-door Labour..... | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Assisting Joiners | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| „ Tailors | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| „ Shoe Makers..... | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| „ in the Kitchen | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| „ Baker, Brewer, &c | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Cleaning in the Galleries... | 81 | 57 | 75 | 50 | 79 | 59 |
| Plaiting Straw | 1 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 9 |
| Making Mats..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Picking Flocks | 8 | 7 | 12 | 9 | 13 | 13 |
| Other in-door Labour | 23 | 6 | 27 | 22 | 26 | 24 |
| Pumping Water | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Total Employed..... | 220 | 217 | 223 | 223 | 227 | 206 |
| UNEMPLOYED. | | | | | | |
| Excitement with Restraint. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Ditto with Seclusion ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Ditto without Seclusion | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Sick | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 15 |
| Quiet | 55 | 58 | 52 | 52 | 48 | 69 |
| Total Unemployed..... | 80 | 83 | 77 | 77 | 73 | 93 |
| Admissions ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Deaths and Discharges .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 1 | .... |
| TOTAL..... | 300 | | 300 | | 300 | |

EXTRACT FROM THE DAILY ACCOUNT OF THE STATE OF THE
PATIENTS.

F E M A L E S.

| EMPLOYED. | MONDAY 17. | | TUESDAY 18. | | WEDNES. 19. | |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| | MORN. | AFT. | MORN. | AFT. | Morn. | Aft. |
| Cleaning in the Galleries | 40 | 30 | 40 | 30 | 42 | 34 |
| Assisting in the Kitchen.... | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Peeling Potatoes | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 20 | 20 |
| Washing and Ironing | 40 | 40 | 36 | 30 | 35 | 35 |
| Making Jackets..... | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 29 | 29 |
| —— Hats..... | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| —— Boots and Stocks.. | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Knitting and Netting | 10 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 10 |
| Mending Stockings | 8 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Sewing and Quilting..... | 93 | 111 | 103 | 119 | 114 | 122 |
| Working in the Gardens | 10 | 6 | 14 | 14 | .... | .... |
| Picking Flocks | 7 | 7 | .... | .... | 7 | 7 |
| Total Employed..... | 273 | 273 | 271 | 271 | 271 | 271 |
| UNEMPLOYED. | | | | | | |
| Excitement with Restraint. | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Ditto with Seclusion ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Ditto without Seclusion | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Sick | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Quiet | 5 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Total Unemployed..... | 28 | 27 | 29 | 29 | 29 | 29 |
| Admissions ..... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... |
| Deaths and Discharges | | 1 | .... | ... | .... | .... |
| TOTAL..... | 300 | | 300 | | 300 | |

ALLEGED CAUSES OF INSANITY,
IN THE CASES ADMITTED DURING THE YEAR.

| MORAL. | Males. | Females. |
|--|--------|----------|
| Religious Enthusiasm | 3 | 4 |
| Political Enthusiasm | 1 | 0 |
| Intense application to Business | 1 | 0 |
| —— Study | 1 | 0 |
| Imagination excited by Novel Reading | 0 | 1 |
| Ambition and Love, (a deaf and dumb patient) | 1 | 0 |
| Domestic Annoyances | 1 | 0 |
| Shame and agitation from attempted viola- tion of her person | 0 | 1 |
| Terror after escape from Drowning | 1 | 0 |
| Anxiety from want of Employment | 1 | 0 |
| Trouble from losses, disappointments, and reverse of fortune | 5 | 1 |
| —— from misconduct of Husband | 0 | 2 |
| —— from being deserted by Husband | 0 | 1 |
| Grief from death of Son by Drowning, with Domestic Troubles..... | 0 | 1 |
| —— from death of Husband | 0 | 2 |
| | 15 | 13 |
| PHYSICAL. | | |
| Hereditary Predisposition, (without other known exciting cause) | 4 | 6 |
| —— with Fever and Intemperance | 1 | 0 |
| —— with the Puer- peral state | 0 | 1 |
| —— with Epilepsy.. | 2 | 0 |
| Epilepsy | 9 | 5 |
| —— with Intemperance..... | 3 | 0 |
| —— with repelled Cutaneous Eruption.. | 0 | 1 |
| ——....with injury of Head | 1 | 0 |
| The Puerperal State .. | 0 | 2 |
| Fever | 1 | 1 |
| Inflammation of Membranes of Brain | 0 | 2 |
| General Ill Health..... | 0 | 1 |
| <i>Carried forward.....</i> | 21 | 19 |

| | <i>Males.</i> | <i>Females.</i> |
|--|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Brought forward</i> | 21 | 19 |
| Old Age | 0 | 1 |
| Over exertion | 0 | 1 |
| Injury of Head | 2 | 0 |
| Commotion produced by riding in a Centrifugal Railway, (case of relapse) | 1 | 0 |
| Intemperance | 5 | 9 |
| ————— and Poverty | 0 | 1 |
| Poisoning from Snuff when Intoxicated | 1 | 0 |
| Poverty | 2 | 0 |
| | 32 | 31 |
| MORAL AND PHYSICAL COMBINED. | | |
| Self esteem and Religious Enthusiasm, with Epilepsy | 1 | 0 |
| Anxiety, with Epilepsy | 1 | 0 |
| Fear, with Epilepsy | 1 | 0 |
| Domestic Quarrels, with Intemperance | 0 | 1 |
| Jealousy, with Intemperance | 0 | 1 |
| Trouble from Losses, with Intemperance | 1 | 0 |
| ———— from Loss of Situation, with Hereditary Predisposition | 1 | 0 |
| Disappointment, with Hereditary Predisposition | 1 | 0 |
| Jealousy, with the Puerperal State | 0 | 1 |
| Trouble from misconduct of Husband, with the Puerperal State | 0 | 1 |
| Circumstances connected with the birth of an illegitimate Child | 0 | 3 |
| Religious Enthusiasm, with Destitution | 0 | 1 |
| Irregular Habits..... | 1 | 2 |
| | 7 | 10 |
| Alleged Moral Causes | 15 | 13 |
| ———— Physical Causes | 32 | 31 |
| ———— Moral and Physical causes combined | 7 | 10 |
| Unknown | 33 | 41 |
| | 87 | 95 |

TABLE SHOWING THE AMOUNT OF EDUCATION
THE PATIENTS ADMITTED DURING THE YEAR HAVE RECEIVED.

| | Males. | Females. |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Can Read and Write | 57 | 29 |
| Can Read..... | 12 | 40 |
| Can neither Read nor Write | 12 | 21 |
| Unknown | 6 | 5 |
| | 87 | 95 |

CIVIL STATE OF THE PATIENTS
ADMITTED DURING THE YEAR.

| | Males. | Females. |
|----------------------------|--------|----------|
| Married | 36 | 37 |
| Single | 38 | 44 |
| Widowers and Widowed | 9 | 11 |
| Unknown | 4 | 3 |
| | 87 | 95 |

TABLE

*Showing the length of time the Patients who have Died during the year,
had been in the House.*

| | Males. | Females. |
|------------------------|--------|----------|
| Within 1 Month | 6 | 1 |
| " 3 " s | 3 | 0 |
| " 6 " | 7 | 2 |
| " 9 " | 6 | 2 |
| " 1 Year | 2 | 1 |
| " 2 " s | 8 | 3 |
| " 3 " | 4 | 4 |
| " 4 " | 1 | 5 |
| " 5 " | 1 | 1 |
| " 6 " | 1 | 1 |
| " 7 " | 1 | 1 |
| " 9 " | 0 | 1 |
| | 40 | 22 |

TABLE

Showing the length of time the Patients who have been Discharged Cured during the year, had been in the House.

| | Males. | Females. |
|----------------------|--------|----------|
| Within 3 Months..... | 9 | 16 |
| " 6 " | 15 | 14 |
| " 9 " | 5 | 14 |
| " 12 " | 7 | 6 |
| " 15 " | 2 | 3 |
| " 18 " | 1 | 4 |
| " 2 Years | 0 | 4 |
| " 3 " | 2 | 7 |
| " 4 " | 4 | 1 |
| " 5 " | 0 | 4 |
| " 6 " | 1 | 1 |
| " 9 " | 0 | 1 |
| " 10 " | 1 | 1 |
| " 11 " | 0 | 1 |
| " 12 " | 1 | 0 |
| " 22 " | 0 | 1 |
| | 48 | 78 |

Causes of Death in Fatal Cases from June 24th, 1843, to June 23rd, 1844.

| | Males. | Females. |
|--|--------|----------|
| 1. DISEASES OF NERVOUS SYSTEM. | | |
| Chronic disease of Brain and its Membranes | 15 | 4 |
| Epilepsy | 2 | 1 |
| Apoplexy | 5 | 0 |
| Hemiplegia | 1 | 0 |
| General Paralysis..... | 2 | 0 |
| Exhaustion after continued excitement..... | 3 | 0 |
| 2. DISEASES OF RESPIRATORY AND CIRCULATING ORGANS. | | |
| Phthisis Pulmonalis..... | 3 | 10 |
| Bronchitis..... | 1 | 0 |
| Pneumonia | 1 | 1 |
| Ossification of valves of Heart | 1 | 0 |
| <i>Carried forward</i> | 34 | 16 |

Causes of Death in Fatal Cases from June 24th, 1843, to June 23rd, 1844.

| | <i>Males.</i> | <i>Females.</i> |
|--|---------------|-----------------|
| <i>Brought forward</i> | 34 | 16 |
| 3 DISEASES OF DIGESTIVE ORGANS. | | |
| Dysentery | 1 | 0 |
| Diarrhœa | 0 | 1 |
| Ulceration and perforation of Ilium from presence of foreign body | 0 | 1 |
| 4 DISEASES OF UNCERTAIN OR VARIABLE SEAT. | | |
| General Debility | 4 | 1 |
| Cancer Mammæ | 0 | 1 |
| —— Uteri..... | 0 | 1 |
| —— Recti | 0 | 1 |
| Phlegmonous Erysipelas of arm..... | 1 | 0 |
| | 40 | 22 |

RELIGIOUS PERSUASIONS OF THE PATIENTS ADMITTED
DURING THE YEAR.

| | <i>Males.</i> | <i>Females.</i> |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Church of England | 37 | 54 |
| Roman Catholics..... | 14 | 14 |
| Methodists | 6 | 10 |
| Presbyterians | 3 | 0 |
| Jews | 3 | 0 |
| Socialists | 2 | 0 |
| Unitarians..... | 2 | 0 |
| Independents | 2 | 1 |
| Baptists | 1 | 1 |
| Lutheran | 1 | 0 |
| None | 1 | 0 |
| Unknown | 15 | 15 |
| | 87 | 95 |

AN ACCOUNT OF CLOTHING MADE BY THE FEMALE PATIENTS,
FROM JUNE, 1843, TO JUNE, 1844.

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 634 Shirts | 472 Trowsers |
| 515 Shifts | 244 Quilted Rugs |
| 644 Flannels | 12 „ Jackets |
| 1129 Petticoats | 20 „ Waistcoats |
| 34 Gowns | 77 „ Trowsers |
| 683 Bed Gowns | 9 „ Beds |
| 1508 Caps | 28 „ Night Dresses |
| 1226 Aprons | 47 „ Shirts |
| 479 Handkerchiefs | 28 Table Cloths |
| 451 Stays | 192 Knit Stockings |
| 10 Straw Bonnets | 52 Net Caps |
| 403 Straw Hats | 52 Net Borders |
| 525 Flock Beds | 25 Night Dresses |
| 184 Flock Pillows | 31 Curtains |
| 30 Bolster Cases | 43 Blinds |
| 265 Pillow Cases | 38 Boot Tops |
| 586 Sheets | 52 Shoes Bound |
| 143 Towels | 4 Chair Covers |
| 107 Flannel Drawers | 52 Shawls |
| 25 Canvass Drawers | 7 Sofa Covers |
| 362 Stocks | 201 Dusters |
| 353 Jackets | 20 Night Gowns |
| 350 Waistcoats | |