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LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND
LUNATIC ASYLUM.

THE
FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
UNITED COMMITTEES OF VISITORS,
BEING THE
REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1852:
WITH LIST OF
VISITORS AND OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION,
MEDICAL AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Trustees of the Estate.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF RUTLAND,
THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL HOWE,
THE RIGHT HON. LORD BERNERS,
SIR HENRY HALFORD, BART. M.P.
CHARLES WILLIAM PACKE, Esq. M.P.
JOHN KING, Esq.
HENRY GREENE, Esq.

VISITORS AND OFFICERS OF THE ASYLUM.

CHAIRMAN AND TREASURER.

CHARLES WILLIAM PACKE, EsQUIRE, M.P.

VISITORS APPOINTED FOR THE COUNTY OF LEICESTER.

CHARLES WILLIAM PACKE, EsQUIRE, M.P. Prestwold.
THE RIGHT HONORABLE LORD BERNERS, Keythorpe
Hall.

SIR HENRY HALFORD, BARONET, M.P. Wistow Hall.

JOHN KING, EsQUIRE, Stretton Hall.

ISAAC HODGSON, EsQUIRE, Kirby Frith.

HENRY GREENE, EsQUIRE, Rollestone.

CHARLES THOMAS FREER, EsQUIRE, Billesdon Coplow.

THE REVEREND JOHN PENGREE NEWBY, Enderby.

THE REVEREND HENRY JAMES HOSKINS, Blaby Rectory.

THOMAS STOKES, EsQUIRE, New Parks, Leicester.

VISITORS APPOINTED FOR THE COUNTY OF RUTLAND.

THE HONORABLE HENRY CECIL LOWTHER, M.P.
Barleythorpe Hall.

CHARLES HAY FREWEN, EsQUIRE, M.P. Cold Overton Hall.

JOHN MUXLOE WINGFIELD, EsQUIRE, Tickencote Hall.

GEORGE FINCH, EsQUIRE, Burley Hall.

SIR GILBERT JOHN HEATHCOTE, BARONET, Normanton
Park.

THE REVEREND JOHN HENRY FLUDYER, Thistleton.

THE REVEREND CHARLES HENRY SWANN, Stoke Dry.

VISITORS APPOINTED BY THE SUBSCRIBERS.

THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE EARL HOWE, Gopsall Hall.

SIR ARTHUR GREY HAZLERIGG, BARONET, Nosely Hall.

SIR FREDERICK GUSTAVUS FOWKE, BARONET, Lowesby
Hall.

SIR FREDERICK HEYGATE, BARONET, Roecliff.

WILLIAM HERRICK, ESQUIRE, Beaumanor Park.

JOSEPH WHETSTONE, ESQUIRE, Leicester.

JOHN DOVE HARRIS, ESQUIRE, Leicester.

EX OFFICIO VISITOR FOR THE BOROUGH OF LEICESTER.

THE MAYOR OF LEICESTER.

CONSULTING PHYSICIAN.

DR. SHAW.

HONORARY PHYSICIANS.

DR. NOBLE. DR. BARCLAY.

CONSULTING SURGEON.

MR. PAGET.

HONORARY SURGEONS.

MR. MACAULAY. MR. BENFIELD.

CHAPLAIN.

THE REVEREND ABRAHAM HILL, M. A.

HOUSE SURGEON AND SUPERINTENDENT.

MR. HENRY FOWKE PROSSER.

MATRON.

MISS THORNTON.

SURVEYOR.

MR. WILLIAM PARSONS.

CLERK.

MR. WILLIAM FREER.

MEDICAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1852.

Patients on the Books, December 31, 1851..	..	233	
Admitted since	85	
		<hr/>	318
Discharged—Cured		50	
Relieved		16	
		<hr/>	66
Died—Epilepsy,		2	
General Paralysis		2	
Age and Debility		3	
Maniacal Exhaustion		2	
Other Causes		10	
		<hr/>	19
Remaining—Pauper Patients, County and Borough			
„ Male		88	
„ Female		92	
Pauper Patients, Out-County,			
„ Male		2	
„ Female		1	
Subscribers' Patients			
„ Male		13	
„ Female		19	
Independent Patients			
„ Male		11	
„ Female		7	
		<hr/>	233
		<hr/>	318
Total number admitted since the opening of the Institution			<hr/>
Total number Cured		601	
Relieved		129	
Removed		105	
Died		251	
Remaining		233	
		<hr/>	1319
		<hr/>	<hr/>

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND
LUNATIC ASYLUM.

THE REPORT

OF THE

UNITED COMMITTEES OF VISITORS

OF THE

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND LUNATIC ASYLUM,

TO THE

SIXTEENTH GENERAL MEETING

OF THE

MAGISTRATES OF THE COUNTIES AND THE SUBSCRIBERS OF THE
INSTITUTION, HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE ASYLUM, ON
MONDAY, THE 31ST DAY OF JANUARY, 1853, AND FROM THENCE
ADJOURNED TO THE COUNTY PUBLIC OFFICE, LEICESTER.

THE Visitors of the Leicestershire and Rutland Lunatic Asylum, present their Annual Report to the several Constituencies, by whom they have been appointed to the management of the Institution, during the year 1852.

This Report will contain, as heretofore, distinct details of each separate Class; the County Pauper, the out-County Pauper, the Subscription, and the Independent Class; and in the Accounts annexed thereto, will be found the results of the year in a Financial point of view: but before the Visitors enter upon these details, they would desire to acknowledge with thankfulness, that the hope expressed in the last year's Report, "that the increase of mental disease in the County of Leicester has been for a time effectually stayed, by the prompt application of proper medical remedies," has been

fully borne out by the results of the past year. The total number of Patients of all Classes, received during the past year, has been 85 only, the average number for the last four years being 99, and the numbers admitted being as follows; 1849, 121; 1850, 101; 1851, 90; and in the last year 85 only, as before mentioned. Of these, in the year 1849 the County Patients were 48, in the year 1850, 53, in the year 1851, 37, and during the past year, 29! The results of the four years giving an average number of 42 annual admissions, while the past year shews an admission of 29 only, or a diminution of upwards of 30 per cent. on the average number of County Pauper Patients for the last four years.

The above statement will, it is hoped, abundantly prove to Parish Officers, and all persons having any control over Lunatics, that the prompt removal of the Patient to a Lunatic Asylum, where the disease will meet with proper Medical treatment, affords the best ground for expecting a speedy recovery.

In consequence of the great increase in the duties of the Superintendent and Matron, and for the purpose of stricter supervision in the Establishment, it has been resolved, during the past year, to appoint an additional Officer under the title of "*Storekeeper*," whose business it shall be, to receive and distribute all Stores according to fixed regulations; and be accountable for the correctness of such delivery; and it is believed, that this arrangement, while it materially lightens the labours of both Superintendent and Matron, will result in the saving of considerable expence to the Institution.

The Visitors have also had in view the enlargement and improvement of the Offices and Outbuildings of the Asylum, with reference to the employment of the Patients therein; and it has been proposed to accumulate a separate fund for that purpose, by setting apart a portion of the profits derived from the second and fourth Class Patients: a communication has been had with the Secretary of State on this subject, and there appearing to be no objection to it, it has

been agreed, that the sum of £500. part of the before mentioned profits shall, until further order, be annually carried over to the Building Fund, and that the rest of the profits shall be distributed as heretofore. It will be seen that this is equivalent to a call upon the resources of the Charity of £100. per annum, which the Visitors, by the kind support which they have hitherto received from the public, are enabled to meet.

The Capital Fund of the Charity has been augmented during the past year by the undermentioned Legacies:—

The Rev. R. Farrer, (less duty)	...	£45.
Mrs. Ann Day,	£200.

These benevolent gifts, in addition to those which have been heretofore received, are gratefully acknowledged.

It may here be remarked, that the Capital Fund of the Charity has never yet been diminished by an appropriation of any part of it, to those expences which properly fall upon Income. Every amount received by way of Donation or Legacy, (whether large or small,) is carried to a separate Account, entitled "The Capital Account," and the amount duly invested; as will appear by reference to the Tables annexed to this Report. The Income Account, which, as will be seen, is kept separately, shews that the sum of £638. 6s. 4d. has been received from Subscriptions, Interest on Investments, Profits of Second and Fourth Class, and other sources; and that the sum of £573. 1s. 9d. (including the sum of £100. carried to the Building Account) has been expended, leaving a balance on the year in favour of the Charity of £65. 4s. 7d.

The weekly charge for maintenance of the Subscribers' Patients is as follows; 5s. per week for Chronic Patients, and 3s. per week for curable Patients, that is, for Patients during the first year; and it is needless for the Visitors to enlarge upon the immense amount of suffering which is alleviated by means of this excellent Charity.

In a Medical point of view, the events of the past year do

not call for any particular comment; the number of deaths have been 19, giving an average mortality of about 8 per cent.; the lowest rate that has been shewn in the Institution for the last nine years.

Hitherto the Visitors have had the pleasing task of continuing those congratulatory statements, which have long marked their Annual Reports, but the past year has been painfully distinguished, by the dangerous illness, and the necessarily protracted absence of the respected Superintendent. It is hoped that an entire cessation from labour, and change of scene for several months, have contributed to a restoration of Mr. Prosser's health; and that as he has now resumed the duties of the Office, which he has so long ably filled, he may be enabled to continue in their performance without danger to himself.

During Mr. Prosser's absence, his place was supplied by Mr. Buck of Leicester, and the Visitors are desirous of recording their acknowledgments of the efficient services rendered by this Gentleman during his temporary superintendence of the Establishment. His experience as the Medical Officer of Health in the Town of Leicester, enabled him to make many and valuable suggestions during his stay at the Asylum, and the Visitors feel that he is justly entitled to the thanks of every one interested in the welfare of the Institution.

To the Senior Honorary Physician of the Asylum (Dr. Shaw) the thanks of the Visitors and friends of the Establishment are specially due. It was stated by Mr. Buck, that in assuming on a sudden so important and responsible a position as Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, he should do so with much more comfort to himself, if it were understood that Dr. Shaw would, during Mr. Prosser's absence, act as the Consulting Physician of the Institution; and, as such, would from time to time visit it, and offer such advice as his experience and medical knowledge would suggest, without being specially called in as

Honorary Physician to any particular case; and a communication to that effect having been made by the Chairman of the Visitors to Dr. Shaw, the request was promptly and kindly acceded to; and Dr. Shaw has accordingly, during the last three months, occupied the position of Consulting Physician of the Institution.

The Visitors must also express their thanks to Mr. Paget, one of the Honorary Surgeons, who has attended a Patient suffering from an accident so severe as to render necessary a painful operation, this was performed at the Asylum by Mr. Paget, and under his skilful treatment the Patient has been restored to health. The Visitors feel that their thanks are especially due to Mr. Paget for his valuable and gratuitously rendered services.

The average number of Patients during the year 1852 was $235\frac{26}{53}$; of these the Pauper Class amounted to $180\frac{43}{53}$, the Out County Paupers to $6\frac{19}{53}$, the Subscribers' Patients to $31\frac{47}{53}$, and the Independent, or Opulent Patients, to $16\frac{23}{53}$, the respective numbers do not vary materially from those of the year 1851, the greatest number on any day was 238. (a)

The Visitors would conclude their Annual Report, with the hope that the benefits conferred by the Institution as a Charity may be continued and enlarged; and by calling upon all interested in its welfare, and especially upon its friends in the United Counties of Leicester and Rutland and the Borough of Leicester, to make renewed efforts for the enlargement of its Finances. It will be seen by the Medical Report, that during the last year no less than 50 Patients have been discharged restored to health and reason; a statement which renders superfluous any further comment on the Institution, or on the amount of good which, under Providence, it is the means of effecting.

Signed on behalf of the Visitors,

CHARLES WILLIAM PACKE,
Chairman.

(a) The financial year for 1852, comprises 53 weeks.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CHARITY ACCOUNT.

LIST OF DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

RECEIVED FROM TIME TO TIME, AND FORMING THE CAPITAL STOCK OF THE CHARITY
UP TO THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1852.

	£.	s.	d.
Net produce of bazaar, held 24 September, 1839, ..	1515	11	0
Legacy from John Ragg, Esq.	100	0	0
Ditto from Thomas Toone, Esq.	50	0	0
Ditto from Samuel Simpson, Esq.	100	0	0
Ditto from Mrs. Thorpe, Loughborough,	10	0	0
Ditto from Miss S. O. Palmer, ditto,	90	0	0
Ditto from Mr. George Bunney, Little Dalby,	10	0	0
Donation from M. F. E.	25	0	0
Legacy from Mr. John Freer,	100	0	0
Ditto from Mr. William Neale,	19	19	0
Donation from the Rev. Joseph Arkwright,	25	0	0
Net produce of Ball on the 20th Nov. 1844,	154	9	0
Donation from Mr. L'Hermitte,	3	0	0
Legacy from Mrs. Vann,	100	10	0
Ditto from the Rev. James Ord,	47	5	0
Ditto from the Earl of Stamford and Warrington,	500	0	0
Net produce of Ball on the 17th Dec. 1845,	153	8	6
Donation from Mr. William Chandler,	100	0	0
Legacy from Mr. Sims,	50	0	0
Net produce of Ball on the 16th Dec. 1846,	157	11	2
Donation from Joseph Taylor, Esq.	50	0	0
Legacy from Clement Dumelow, Esq.	50	0	0
Ditto from Mrs. Samuel Miles,	100	0	0
Net produce of Ball, 24th Nov. 1847,	142	18	1
Legacy from Thomas Exton, Esq.	50	0	0
Donation from B. Adcock, Esq... .. .	50	0	0
Ditto from Mrs. B. Adcock,	50	0	0
Ditto from the surviving Sisters of Miss Nedham,	20	0	0
Net produce of Ball, 8th Dec. 1848,	89	3	10
Balance due from the late Treasurer,	456	14	5
Legacy from the Rev. B. C. Raworth, of Quorndon,	50	0	0
Ditto from John Stockdale Hardy, Esq.	50	0	0
Donations in lieu of Ball,	31	4	0
Donation per Joseph Taylor, Esq.	50	0	0
R. D.	20	0	0
Net produce of Ball, Dec. 17th, 1850,	130	0	0
Legacy from Rev. R. Farrer, (less duty)	45	0	0
Ditto from Mrs. Ann Day, Belgrave,	200	0	0

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