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REPORT

*Presented to the Annual General Court, on Wednesday, the
15th February, 1854.*

To the Court of Governors of St. Luke's Hospital,

YOUR COMMITTEE REPORT that, amongst the important matters which have occupied their attention during the past year, the expediency of forming a Country Branch Institution in connexion with St. Luke's Hospital, for the purposes contemplated by the Court in their resolution of the 16th February, 1853, viz.—

“The improvement of the health and comfort of such inmates of the Hospital as are not dangerous to themselves or others, and the carrying out, to the fullest extent, consistent with safety, the principle of non-restraint in respect of the treatment of lunatics,”—

has been attentively considered by your Committee.

The great outlay which would be required in the foundation of a new establishment, and the absence of any fund from which even the necessary preliminary expenses could be defrayed have deterred your Committee from proposing to recommend, on any large scale, the trial of an experiment of so great an importance as had been originally proposed. Your Committee, however, proceeded to make enquiries in various

directions, by public advertisement and otherwise, with a view to ascertain the terms on which a house, with about twenty acres of land on a dry soil, situate within a moderate distance from town, might be hired. Your Committee report with regret that no eligible offer presented itself. Your Committee, during the past year, have been unable to overcome the difficulty of procuring premises and land sufficiently near to London, which, by a moderate expenditure, could be made available for the plan proposed. Your Committee, therefore, have turned their attention more particularly to the means by which the humane intentions of the Court could be carried out—in improving the internal arrangements for the comfort of the patients, and in extending, if possible, the area of their present property.

During the past year, the whole number of female patients deemed incurable and boarded in the Hospital have been removed from the lower basement story, and distributed in the galleries. The reduced number of patients in the Hospital during the year has enabled the Committee to effect this most desirable improvement. The location of patients in the basement stories of the building may now be considered as abandoned.

The Court will have learned from the Report of the Physicians that mechanical restraint has of late been gradually dispensed with.

During the past year, further extensive improvements have been effected in the drainage of the Hospital, which may now, your Committee believe, be considered as perfect as the existing system of drainage in the surrounding district will admit of.

The subject of an improved dietary for the patients in the Hospital, by the substitution of cocoa in lieu of gruel for breakfast, and of tea in lieu of bread and cheese for supper,

with other alterations, is at present under the consideration of your Committee.

As regards the proposed extension of the area of the present property, your Committee report that, after a careful investigation as to the proposed purchase of the lease of a property abutting on the present laundry, held for a term of years under St. Bartholomew's Hospital, it appeared that the original lessee declined to assign his interest or to waive any claim he might be supposed to have for a renewal on the expiration of the present lease. Your Committee, therefore, felt compelled to withdraw from the intended purchase. Your Committee have since been making inquiries, with a view to purchase the lease of the burial-ground (long disused) and the Alms Houses adjacent to the Hospital, the property of Dulwich College; and they entertain hopes that satisfactory arrangements may be effected for obtaining possession of the space of ground and property referred to.

In consequence of the passing, on the 20th August, 1853, of the Act 16 and 17 Vic., c. 96, intituled "An Act to amend "an Act passed in the ninth year of Her Majesty 'for the "Regulation of the Care and Treatment of Lunatics,'" it has been necessary to prepare amended forms for the admission of patients. These forms, drawn up in accordance with the Act, will this day be submitted to the approval of the Court.

Since the last General Court the Hospital has twice been visited by the Commissioners in Lunacy, pursuant to the 61st section of the Act 8 and 9 Vic. c. 100, namely, on the 16th May, 1853, and recently, on the 6th Feb., 1854. Their observations, recorded in the book kept for that purpose, have been, and will continue to be, under the special consideration of your General Committee.

Your Committee further Report, that pursuant to a Resolu-

tion of the General Committee, of the 13th January, 1853, £425 stock, New South Sea Annuities, standing in the names of Henry Francis Shaw Lefevre, Arthur Powell, and Mark Hunter, Esqrs., and £1,180 stock, 3¼ per cent. Bank Annuities, standing in the name of "the President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, and Governors of St. Luke's Hospital," have been sold in the past year, for the purpose of meeting the current expenses of the Hospital, the excess of expenditure over income having arisen from the extensive Improvements effected under the sanction of the Courts, held respectively on the 30th April, 1851, 18th February, 1852, and 16th February, 1853.

With respect to the supplies for the past year, your Committee contracted from the 1st of April until the 30th September last, for the usual kinds of Butcher's Meat, at 4s. 2d. per stone of 8 lbs., and have further contracted from the 1st October last until the 31st March next, for the same at the rate of 4s. 5d. per stone of 8 lbs. Your Committee contracted from the 1st of April until the 30th September last, for the best Wheaten Bread, at 6¼d. for a 4 lb. loaf, for Flour at 9s. 3d. per bushel, and for Oatmeal at 1s. 11d. per peck, and have further contracted from the 1st October last, to the 31st March next, for the best Wheaten Bread at 7¾d. for a 4 lb. loaf, for Flour at 11s. 6d. per bushel, and for Oatmeal at 2s. 2d. per peck.

As regards the patients admitted to the benefits of this Charity, your Committee report, that there have been received into the Hospital since the 31st December, 1852, and up to the 31st December, 1853, inclusive, 175 patients deemed curable. During the same period there have been discharged cured 119, uncured 40, as unfit 12, at the request of friends 5, and there have died 14. Since the 31st July, 1751, (the day on which the Hospital was first opened for the reception of patients,) and

up to the 31st December, 1853, inclusive, there have been admitted into the Hospital 18,645 patients deemed curable on their admission, of whom there have been discharged

Cured.....	8,173
Uncured.....	6,478
As Idiots, diseased, or unfit.....	1,828
By the desire of friends.....	527
For having (after admission) appeared to have been with child at the time of admission ...	62
Having proved to have been Insane more than twelve calendar months before the application to be admitted.....	14
From the friends not complying with the Rules of the Hospital.....	57
From having been found to be, in point of circumstances, improper objects for the Charity	2
From having been found to have been previously discharged, uncured, from another Hospital for Lunatics	5
From not being Lunatics.....	2
There have died in the Hospital since its first opening.....	1,423
And there remained in the Hospital on the 31st December last, deemed curable.....	74
TOTAL.....	<u>18,645</u>

Since the opening of the Hospital in 1751, and up to the 31st December, 1853, there have been re-admitted, in pursuance of Rule 43—688 patients deemed incurable, who had been previously discharged uncured, *exclusive* of those patients (eight in number) who have from time to time been re-admitted by virtue of an Annuity Deed, dated 11th June, 1788, of the late

Samuel Whitbread, Esq., deceased; and that since the 31st December, 1852, and up to the 31st December, 1853—3 patients deemed incurable on their re-admission, have been discharged cured, 5 have been discharged by desire of friends, 5 in consequence of the friends not complying with the Rules, 1 has been discharged upon trial as cured, 3 have died, and 11 have been admitted.

Of the said 688 patients (re-admitted as incurable) *exclusive* of the Whitbread patients,

95 have been discharged by the desire of friends.

29 have been discharged cured.

1 upon trial as cured.

19 in consequence of the friends not complying with
the Rules of the Hospital.

5 being deemed, in point of circumstances, improper
objects for the Charity.

449 have died, and

90 were in the Hospital on the 31st December last,
exclusive of Mr. Whitbread's patient.

Total 688

The total number of patients remaining in the Hospital on the 31st December last, was 165, namely, 74 deemed curable, and 91 deemed incurable, including Mr. Whitbread's patient.

Your Committee recommend that the Right Hon. Lord OVERSTONE be requested to continue the honour to this Charity by being its President.

That the Right Hon. the Earl of ABINGDON, the Right Hon. Lord KENYON, the Right Hon. CHARLES SHAW LEFEVRE, M.P. (Speaker of the House of Commons), Sir EDMUND ANTROBUS, Bart., JOHN

WEYLAND, Esq., and WILLIAM HENRY WHITBREAD, Esq., be re-elected Vice-Presidents of this Corporation.

That HENRY FRANCIS SHAW LEFEVRE, Esq., be re-elected Treasurer.

Your Committee have likewise prepared lists of thirty Governors, whom they submit to the consideration of the Court as fit and proper persons to act as the General Committee for the year ensuing.

And your Committee recommend that the remaining Officers of this Corporation be severally re-elected for the ensuing year.

All which is nevertheless submitted.

1,700 0 0	For the Board of Incumbents
44 0 0	For the Board of Incumbents
4,888 3 0	Dividends on Stock
DONATIONS. VII.	
	From the Anniversary Lectures of Mrs Elizabeth Hooper, a Granddaughter of Dr. Moses Griffith, one of the original Founders of the Hospital
500 0 0	Mr. James Hunt, a Governor's qualification for Mrs. Anne Hunt
31 10 0	Robert Hanbury, Esq. in full of a Governor's qualification for Robert Hanbury, Junr.
21 0 0	R. G. West, Esq. a third payment for a Governor's qualification
7 7 0	G. T. Smith, Esq. ditto ditto
10 10 0	John Williams, Esq.
	Messrs. Whitbread and Co. One Year's Rent charge on the Brewhouse in Christ Church Lane, West Street
105 0 0	The Bank of England annual
21 0 0	Viscount Goxton, Mrs. Hanmer's Annuity (less Property Tax)
5 2 0	Donations of Tradesmen on paying their
12 10 0	Such other Donations, &c.
32 1 0	
743 13 0	
410,912 14 3	

An Account of RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS by HY. FRANCIS

by the Auditors, from 1st January, 1853,

Receipts.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Balance of Cash at Messrs. Fuller and Company's Bank at 31st December, 1852			....	1,005	11	3
Nett proceeds of sale of £425. Stock New South Sea Annuities at 98½	418	12	6			
Ditto of sale of £1,100. Stock Three and a Quarter per Cent. Bank Annuities, at £103. and £80. ditto, at 103½, less Power of Attorney	1,214	8	6			
			<hr/>	1,633	1	0
For the Board of Incurables			....	1,700	6	0
Fees on Admission of Parish Poor Patients			....	44	0	0
Dividends on Stock			....	4,886	3	0
 DONATIONS, VIZ.						
From the Residuary Legatees of Mrs. Elizabeth Hoper, a Granddaughter of Dr. Moses Griffith, one of the original Founders of the Hospital	500	0	0			
Mr. James Hunt, a Governor's qualification for Mrs. Anne Hunt	31	10	0			
Robert Hanbury, Esq. in full of a Governor's qualification for Robert Hanbury, jun.	21	0	0			
F. G. West, Esq., a third payment for a Governor's qualification	7	7	0			
G. T. Smith, Esq. ditto ditto	7	7	0			
John Williams, Esq.	10	10	0			
Messrs. Whitbread and Co. One Year's Rent-charge on the Brewhouse in Chiswell Street	105	0	0			
The Bank of England annual	21	0	0			
Viscount Curzon, Mrs. Hanmer's Annuity (less Property Tax)	5	2	0			
Donations of Tradesmen on paying them.	12	16	0			
Sundry other Donations, &c.	22	1	0			
			<hr/>	743	13	0
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				£10,012	14	3

SHAW LEFEVRE, Esq., Treasurer, as examined and approved
to 31st December, 1853.

Payments.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Salaries and Servants' Wages				1,750	7	8
Printing, Stationery, and Disbursements ..				129	11	4
Rent and Taxes				275	18	9
Repairs				1,893	1	2

House expences, viz. :—

Butcher's Meat	1,270	5	0			
Bread, Oatmeal, and Flour	542	15	0			
Beer	567	6	0			
Butter, Cheese, and Bacon	366	8	0			
Grocery	84	5	0			
Milk	76	0	0			
Medicines and Appliances	56	0	11			
Furniture	25	16	0			
Coals	282	0	0			
Gas	70	15	4			
Blankets, Bedding, Sheeting, &c.	183	12	0			
Soap, Oil, Soda, &c.	91	4	0			
Brooms, Brushes, and Baskets	40	10	0			
Regulating Turret Clock and adjusting Scales	4	15	6			
Gardener's Work	42	9	0			
Water Rent	25	0	0			
Petty expences paid by the Steward ..	322	6	4			
				4,051	8	1
				£8,100	7	0

Balance of Cash at Messrs. Fuller and Company's Bank on the 31st Dec., 1853.				1,912	7	3
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