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GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING AT LANCASTER.

The GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Subscribers to the Royal Albert Asylum was held at the Asylum, on Wednesday, October 8th, 1873,

SIR JAMES P. KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH, BART.,

IN THE CHAIR.

The proceedings having been opened with prayer by the Rev. John Allen, M.A., Vicar of Lancaster, the General Secretary (Mr. James Diggins) read the Report of the Central Committee, and the Chairman addressed the meeting.

The following RESOLUTIONS were then unanimously passed:—

- 1.—That this Meeting approves and adopts the Report now presented; and, whilst cordially congratulating the Central Committee upon the practical completion of the Asylum, trusts that the Local Committees and the Subscribers generally will earnestly co-operate with the Central Committee, not only to raise the Balance required on Building Account, but also to increase the annual income, so that the usefulness of the Institution may be greatly extended.

Moved by Col. the Right Hon. J. Wilson Patten, M.P.; seconded by Edward Lawrence, Esq., Liverpool; supported by Dr. E. D. de Vitre, Lancaster, Chairman of the Central Committee.

- 2.—That, in compliance with Rule 24, the following Gentlemen (who are Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster) be re-appointed Members of the Central Committee:—

Dr. E. DENIS DE VITRE.	JAMES S. HARRISON, Esq.	Rev. C. TWEMLOW ROYDS, M.A.
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JAMES GRANT, Esq.	WILLIAM ROPER, Esq.	CAPTAIN THORNHILL.

Moved by John T. Hibbert, Esq., M.P.; seconded by W. H. Wakefield, Esq., Kendal.

- 3.—That the best thanks of the Subscribers be given to the Honorary Auditors for the past year (Messrs. Rees, White, & Co., Public Accountants, Manchester, James Carter Moon, Esq., Lancaster, and William Satterthwaite, Esq., Lancaster), for their efficient investigation of the Accounts of the Asylum; and this Meeting, in accordance with Rule 34, hereby appoints Messrs. Rees, White, & Co., James Carter Moon, Esq., and the Rev. David Davis, B.A., to act as Honorary Auditors for the ensuing year.

Moved by J. P. C. Starkie, Esq., M.P.; seconded by Major Monks, Durham.

- 4.—That Henry Hadwen, Esq., and William Roper, Esq., be appointed additional Trustees for Investments under Rule 36.

Moved by John Sharp, Esq., Lancaster; seconded by F. W. Tetley, Esq., Leeds.

- 5.—That, circumstances permitting, the next General Annual Meeting of the friends and supporters of this Institution be held at Carlisle, on Wednesday, September 30th, 1874, and that notice thereof be given in the Lancaster, Carlisle, Manchester, Liverpool, York, Leeds, Durham, Newcastle, Kendal, and Chester newspapers.

Moved by T. B. Willans, Esq., Rochdale; seconded by Richard Pedder, Esq., Preston.

The proceedings closed with a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Moved by E. M. Fenwick, Esq., Burrow Hall; seconded by S. Rigby, Esq., Warrington.

A BANQUET, in aid of the funds of the Institution, was subsequently held in the Large Hall of the Asylum, under the presidency of

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF DERBY.

There were 200 Friends and Supporters of the Royal Albert Asylum present, among them being:—

The Countess of Derby, the Countess of Bective, Lady Ramsden, the High Sheriff of Lancashire (Sir James Ramsden, Knt.), the Mayor of Lancaster (W. Storey, Esq.), the Earl of Bective, M.P., the Hon and Very Rev. the Dean of York, the Hon. F. A. Stanley, M.P., Col. the Right Hon. J. Wilson Patten, M.P., Sir J. P. Kay Shuttleworth, Bart., J. T. Hibbert, Esq., M.P., C. Turner, Esq., M.P., J. P. C. Starkie, Esq., M.P., Egerton Leigh, Esq., M.P., Ven. Archdeacon Hornby, Dr. E. D. de Vitre, &c., &c.

A Report of the proceedings may be had on application to the Secretary.

REPORT

Presented to the Subscribers at the General Annual Meeting, held at the Royal Albert Asylum, on Wednesday, October 8th, 1873 ;

SIR J. P. KAY-SHUTTLEWORTH, BART., IN THE CHAIR.

In presenting their Ninth Annual Report, the Central Committee cannot refrain from congratulating the Subscribers upon the practical completion of this noble Asylum, which a generosity scarcely surpassed in the annals of philanthropy has erected for the ameliorative treatment of those whose lives are darkened by one of the most mysterious and painful calamities that can befall our common humanity. The progress of the work, from the first development of the idea of a Northern Counties Asylum for Idiots at the institutory meeting held in the Shire Hall, Lancaster, under the presidency of Sir James P. Kay-Shuttleworth, in December, 1864, until now, has been steady, certain, and rapid; and, with profound gratitude, the Committee acknowledge the Divine favour which has accompanied all their labours, and has so lightened the burden of their responsibilities that they have never suffered any embarrassment nor felt any serious apprehension that the means would not in due time be forthcoming for the realisation of their most sanguine desires. The Committee have this day invited the Subscribers to inspect the Asylum, in the confident hope that they will confirm the testimony which numerous and most competent judges have unanimously borne to the substantial character of the building, its handsome but unadorned appearance, the completeness of its arrangements, and its comparative inexpensiveness.

It was arranged at the last General Meeting, which was held in Manchester, that this year the General Meeting should be at Carlisle, but the efforts of the Committee to secure the formal opening of the institution under Royal auspices not having been successful, the Inauguration Ceremony has been postponed, and an Anniversary Festival at the Asylum, under distinguished patronage, has been substituted for the ordinary General Meeting. In view of the Asylum

being completed this Spring, the Committee made early application to Her Majesty the Queen to be present at the Inauguration Ceremony, but Her Majesty's engagements compelled her to decline the invitation. A Memorial signed by nine Noblemen and by thirty-four Members of Parliament, representing important constituencies in the North of England, was then presented to H. R. H. the Prince of Wales. Whilst expressing his regret that, owing to other engagements, he could not accede to the prayer of the Memorial, His Royal Highness stated in reply that the purpose for which the Institution was designed had his entire sympathy. The Committee are not without hope, therefore, that by the postponement of the Ceremony until next year, it may yet take place under Royal auspices. The Committee feel deeply indebted to the Duke of Devonshire, the Earl of Sefton, the Earl of Bective, M.P., Lord Muncaster, M.P., Col. Wilson Patten, M.P., Mr. J. T. Hibbert, M.P., and other noblemen and gentlemen, for their valuable support in the applications made to Royalty.

In last year's report it was the grateful duty of the Committee to acknowledge the munificent contribution of £30,000 from Mrs. Brooke, of Gateforth House, Selby; it is now their mournful task to record the death of that estimable lady, and to deplore the loss of a most sincere friend, whose noble generosity has built for her an everlasting name. Mrs. Brooke paid several visits to the Asylum last Autumn, expressed herself highly gratified with all the departmental arrangements, and evinced a most lively interest in the patients.

A munificent legacy of £10,000 from Miss Brackenbury, of Brighton, is gratefully acknowledged, and also the following Legacies received during the year:—

Mrs. Robinson, Elterwater, Grasmere	£300	0	0
Rev. R. Lamb, Hay Carr, Garstang.....	100	0	0
Miss Greenwell, Broomshields, Darlington	90	0	0
Miss M. A. Hamilton, Harrogate	50	0	0
T. Tomlinson, Esq., Heysham.....	50	0	0
Wm. Welch, Esq., Springville, Lancaster	19	19	0

A Public Meeting was held in Leeds, last January, under the able presidency of His Grace the Archbishop of York, who, in an eloquent and vigorous speech, most effectively advocated the claims of the charity. Fresh spirit was thus aroused, the Local Committee renewed their exertions, and the result was an increase to the funds of £805 in donations, and £110 in annual subscriptions. The co-operation of Local Committees is invaluable as a means of obtaining support and sustaining an interest in institutions of this kind. If influential members of such Committees were more generally disposed to assist in

canvassing for contributions, important service would be rendered to the Asylum. The Secretary speaks practically on this point, having, during the past year, experienced the benefit of such co-operation. Valuable assistance has thus been afforded in Rochdale by Mr. R. Hurst; in Halifax by Mr. L. J. Crossley; in Liverpool by Mr. E. Lawrence; in Sheffield by the Rev. S. Earnshaw, Mr. F. T. Mappin, and Mr. R. E. Leader, and by other gentlemen elsewhere. The Committee gratefully acknowledge similar services rendered by Mr. Arthur Lupton, Alderman Luccock, and Mr. E. M. Baines, Leeds; Rev. R. Bruce, and Mr. Thomas Allen, Huddersfield; Major Ogle, St. Helens; Mr. W. Heaton, Wigan; Mr. J. R. Hunter, Bolton; Mr. C. Brown, Settle; Dr. Macmillan, Hull; and by the Rev. J. C. Raw, Ainderby, Northallerton.

Great advantages are derived from Collections at churches and chapels, and the Committee would earnestly entreat a more extended co-operation in this direction. It has been suggested to have a Royal Albert Asylum Collection throughout the Northern Counties, and a strong appeal to this effect might possibly meet with a general response. The Lord Bishop of Manchester, a few months since, advocated the appropriation of a portion of the proceeds of the Hospital Sunday Collection at Manchester, but was overruled on the erroneous ground that the Royal Albert Asylum is not a Manchester hospital. The Committee maintain that this Institution belongs to each and every part of the seven Northern Counties, and that Manchester derives direct and substantial benefits from its establishment, its patients being admitted as freely as if the Asylum were situated in Manchester. The Committee are under many obligations to the Bishop for his constant advocacy of the claims of the Asylum, as well as for having presided at two annual meetings, and made earnest and forcible appeals in behalf of the afflicted recipients of the Charity. The Committee have great pleasure in giving the following list of Collections, and they would direct special attention to the excellent example set by West Riding Volunteers, at the Camp Service held at Morecambe.

Rev. John Chadwick, Tatham Church, Bentham.

Rev. H. B. Hawkins, Harvest Festival, Lytham Church.

Rev. T. C. Henley, Kirkby Malham Church, Bell Busk.

Rev. Wilson Pedder, Churchtown Church, Garstang.

Rev. J. G. Smith, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Stanley St., Sheffield.

Rev. John C. Reade, St. John Baptist Church, Tue Brook, Liverpool.

Preachers—Rev Canon Stewart, and Rev. John Creesor.

Rev. R. W. Wilson, Harvest Festival, Sutton Church, Cross Hills.

Camp Service of the 2nd Adm. Battalion of West Riding Volunteers at Morecambe, Lieut.-Col. Robinson commanding. Preacher—Rev. S. Hastings.

It is gratifying to report that in some places the public authorities are identifying themselves with the Asylum; in this way Sheffield by its Town Trustees has taken the lead, and its example has been followed by the Poor Law Guardians at Oldham. Working Men's Societies, as well as Societies of more pretensions, have contributed, and further assistance from such sources is greatly to be desired.

It is by agencies such as have been enumerated that the Asylum is in a great measure to be supported, and it is the duty of the Committee to encourage and invite such co-operation. From the report of the Architect it appears that close upon £10,000 is still required on building account, including the farm buildings, but exclusive of any extension of cottage property. Funds are still needed, not only to meet excess on building account, but thoroughly to furnish and equip the establishment, and to meet the expenses incurred in erecting boundary walls, stocking the grounds with shrubs, making the walks, and many other items for which there has been no estimate.

Thirteen and a half acres of land have been added to the Asylum estate during the past year at a cost of £2,400. This land was in close proximity to the Asylum, and it would have been impolitic to have missed such an opportunity of placing the estate within a ring fence, and freeing it from any objectionable encroachments.

The Committee rejoice to feel that the sympathies of the public are with them, and they point with much gratification, in proof of this assertion, to the liberal contributions still received. Among the donations for the past year, there are two of £500 each, one being from Lord Muncaster, and one from Miss Dawson, of Bramhope, Otley. Noble gifts of this kind form cheering exceptions to the general rule, but it is only few who can so contribute, whilst to the many a debt of gratitude is equally due for their benevolence. It is a pleasing feature in the history of the Asylum to find many of the earlier subscribers supplementing their original donations by fresh gifts. Since two free days of admission to the Asylum have been advertised, there has been a very large increase of visitors, who carry home with them pleasing recollections.

The following tables show the amounts contributed by each county to the General and to the Maintenance Funds. The increase in the Annual Subscriptions during the year amounts to the sum of £650, which is satisfactory in itself as evincing a growing interest in the Asylum, but it still falls far short of what is

required. Some of the counties do not subscribe enough for the support of the patients they send:—

	DONATIONS.			ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Lancashire	36,166	5	8	952	19	2
Yorkshire	34,074	10	4	936	15	0
Westmorland	2,564	9	9	51	3	0
Cumberland	2,340	10	6	107	0	6
Cheshire	2,185	0	6	89	19	6
Durham	2,025	13	5	187	18	6
Northumberland	751	8	8	49	11	0
	£80,107 18 10			£2,375 6 8		

Of the 162 patients now in the Asylum, 73 belongs to Lancashire, 49 to Yorkshire, 10 to Cumberland, 10 to Durham, 7 to Cheshire, 6 to Northumberland, 5 to Westmorland, and 2 to other counties. Several of these patients are independent cases.

The Commissioners in Lunacy paid their third annual visit to the Asylum last April, and the following extracts from their very favourable Report are now submitted:—

Royal Albert Asylum, April 10th, 1873.

The inspection which we made to-day of this Hospital enables us to report very favourably of its management, progress, and present condition.

Every patient has been seen by us, and many we have specially noticed. Their orderly demeanour, happy appearance, and personal condition bear strong testimony to the kind and judicious treatment which they have received. Several exhibit much intelligence, and, as far as we could judge from observation and the records of educational improvement shewn to us, their training has been very successful.

We are glad to hear that large contributions, so much needed for the welfare of the Institution, have been received since the Commissioners' last visit, and we trust that others will follow until a sufficient Sustentation Fund shall have secured the permanence of the Charity.

We have much satisfaction in recording our opinion not only of the condition of this Hospital, but also of the great benefits which the Northern Counties are likely to derive from it.

CHARLES PALMER PHILLIPS,	} COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY.
JAMES WILKES,	

For detailed information as to the internal working of the Asylum, it is sufficient to refer to the Medical Superintendent's Annual Report to the Central Committee. All the arrangements of the Institution are sanctioned by the Committee, and as there are two committee meetings each month, the wards and class-rooms are repeatedly visited by some or all of its members; and at all times any report from Dr. Shuttleworth, requiring the presence of any of the Committee, receives immediate attention. Moreover, he presents a

report once a month on the sanitary condition of the establishment, the occupation of the patients, and on other matters connected with the well being of the Asylum.

Dr. Seguin, of New York, a distinguished physician of world wide reputation as the leading authority on the subjects of idiocy and imbecility, paid a visit to this Asylum a few weeks ago. He spent the best part of two days in minutely examining the children, in advising the teachers, and supplying information generally from his vast store of experience and observation. He was interested in all he saw, expressed the great pleasure his visit had afforded him and approved most cordially the provision made here for the education of the imbecile.

The Committee are glad to recognise the kind efforts of gentlemen of influence and ability to serve the Asylum in a most disinterested and practical manner, and they would especially refer to Mr. L. J. Crossley, of Halifax, who last winter gave the children an interesting entertainment consisting of electrical experiments. Mr. Crossley was accompanied by Mr. R. E. Leader, of Sheffield, who on the following evening delivered an instructive lecture, entitled "In the East," which was ably illustrated by Mr. Crossley with photographs shewn by the Oxy-hydrogen Light. A concert of first-class music was also provided by the kindness of the Rev. G. L. Blake, of Ellet. Other entertainments have been given by friends of the Asylum.

The Committee offer their grateful acknowledgments to those friends who have made sundry presents to the Asylum, and append a list of such gifts received during the year. They would again appeal for gifts of books, pictures, toys, domestic pets, musical instruments, &c.

To the press generally the Committee would again express their cordial thanks, and would direct special attention to the able and graphic sketches of the working of the Asylum, which have appeared during the year both in the "Leeds Mercury" and "Sheffield Independent." Their best thanks are also due to Mrs. Miller for her admirable essay entitled "Broken Gleams," which has been published by Messrs. Strahan & Co., with other similar brochures, for the benefit of the Asylum.

To the Honorary Officers connected with the Asylum, the thanks of the Committee are as eminently due as heretofore.

In proof of the financial prosperity of the Asylum, and of the efficiency with which this department of their work is conducted, the Committee refer with pleasure to the Auditors' Report, which is of the

most satisfactory character. The Subscribers are much indebted to Messrs. Rees, White, & Co. for the important services which they have gratuitously rendered to the Asylum for several years past. The duties of the Auditors are very onerous, but are discharged with the most painstaking fidelity and thoroughness.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S GENERAL REPORT.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my Third General Report as Medical Superintendent, I have the gratification of submitting to you figures and facts showing a considerable extension of the work of the Institution during the past twelve months.

Since the 18th of September, 1872, 42 additional patients have been received into the Asylum—24 boys and 18 girls. Four male patients have been discharged, two by the desire of their friends, and two on account of their mental condition having proved to be rather of the character of insanity than of idiocy or imbecility. Five deaths have occurred; so that the number of patients on the books at present is 162—128 boys and 34 girls. The average number resident during the twelve months has been 141.

The general sanitary condition has continued satisfactory. The remarkable improvement in physical health and condition often noticed in the case of newly admitted children is the best proof of the salubrity of the surroundings and of the wholesomeness of the diet, of which I may note in passing that milk forms an important element. Of the five deaths above referred to—which furnish a death rate no higher than 2.92 per cent. on the total number of patients under treatment—three were clearly traceable to chronic constitutional disease of a tubercular character. An outbreak of whooping-cough, introduced in May last by a newly admitted patient, was happily limited to five cases, and unattended by any fatality; and scarlatina having manifested itself in the person of one of the officers, prompt means of isolation were adopted, and there was no extension of the disease. The occurrence of the above cases of contagious disease points to the desirability of the ultimate provision of a detached Infirmary: at present, however, satisfactory accommodation for the sick is provisionally obtained in the Brooke Wing.

In the matter of classification improvement has been effected by the setting apart and occupation, both in the Boys' and Girls' departments, of suitably appointed rooms for Associated Payment Cases. These patients share in the general arrangements for instruction,

employment, and recreation, but have the advantages of comparative privacy and of special attendance. The northern portion of the building being yet unopened, the female patients continue to use the first-floor rooms of the south central block, which have hitherto conveniently sufficed for their accommodation.

The work of the Schools has undergone considerable development during the past year. All the patients, whose state of health permits, attend school each day for periods proportioned to their respective capacities. Thus, 34 of the lowest grade of intellect are instructed in the schoolroom daily for half-an-hour only; 38 others, more intelligent but of tender years, form an infant-school class which meets each morning for one hour; a mixed school of about 80 selected boys and girls pleasantly spend the first hour of the afternoon in conjoined singing and Kinder-Garten exercises; and for another hour-and-a-half the 34 girls receive, in their own class-room, instruction both in matters of ordinary scholastic routine and in industrial employments suited to their sex. These several divisions are zealously superintended by Mrs. Mills, the schoolmistress. In the Boys' school, which is attended by 97 of the older boys (the pupils attending school and work alternately morning and afternoon) much progress is evident as the result of the careful and patient teaching of the master, Mr. Woods. Eight boys are now able to read fluently, 10 write sufficiently well to correspond with their friends, 40 use copy-books, 12 work simple addition sums, and one boy is able to do compound multiplication, whilst another, of exceptional arithmetical talent, works problems in compound interest and is learning decimals. Six boys draw fairly on paper, one of them remarkably well; and two are making good progress (under the tuition of the music master, Mr. C. Godfrey Jones) in learning to play instruments from notes, whilst a large number are able to sing creditably from ear.

The summary of results just given furnishes only a partial idea of the varied activity displayed in the schools. Other most important forms of instruction consist of exercises directed to the education of the senses, to the awakening and stimulation of dormant or sluggish intellectual powers, and to the establishment, in greater or less degree, of habits of physical and moral self control. It is upon the judicious choice and persevering use of such means as these that success in training idiots depends, and for their efficient individual application a comparatively large teaching staff is essential.

With the exception of occasional lessons in basket making no addition to the number of trades taught has been accomplished during the past year, disappointments having been experienced with regard to obtaining suitable instructors. Increasingly useful work is however done by the boys employed in the shoemakers', tailors', and joiners' shops, and on the farm; indeed several of the farm boys are now able to do as good a day's work as ordinary lads of the same age. The older girls are becoming perceptibly useful in assisting the servants in

the work of the house. Subjoined is a numerical list of patients industrially employed:—

Boys:—Total 73.		GIRLS:—Total 16.	
Shoemakers	8	Bed-makers, &c.	14
Tailors	11	Kitchen Assistants	2
Joiners	5	Also employed in	
Basket makers	2	Scrubbing	4
Farm boys	6	Scullery	3
Garden boys	20	Wardrobe	7
Boot cleaners	15	(14 girls do needlework in	
Laundry boys	4	School, and 4 do plain	
Corridor cleaners	2	knitting.)	
Also employed as			
Errand Boys	2		

The privilege of attending Church and Chapel, in Lancaster, continues to be much appreciated by the Patients, about 80 of whom have in turn been taken to public worship. As many as 140 are able to attend the simple family prayers of the Establishment.

Thanks to the considerate assistance of several friends, a variety of amusements has been provided for our young people. In the Winter, pleasant musical evenings were periodically arranged, amateurs from Lancaster, members of our own staff, and often some of the patients themselves, taking part in the songs and performances. Magic Lantern exhibitions and occasional Readings, alternated with the Musical Entertainments. Christmas festivities were also carried on with much spirit; and these culminated in a grand Christmas-tree party on New Year's Eve, at which many visitors were present. But one of the most notable events of the Winter Season, was the brilliant display of electric experiments by Mr. L. J. Crossley, who kindly brought over from Halifax for the delectation of our inmates his valuable collection of vacuum tubes and other apparatus; and this was followed next evening by an interesting lecture by Mr. Leader, the illustrations of which afforded much pleasure to the children. The series of in-door Entertainments terminated in April with a concert of high-class character given in the Hall by the Rev. G. L. Blake and several members of the "Amateur Orchestral Guild." During the Summer, walks into the country, and out-door sports with music, have been frequently arranged; and a pic-nic tea on Whit Monday on a distant part of the Asylum estate, gave great satisfaction to the 138 patients who took part in it.

The popular interest in the internal working of the Asylum does not abate, and the number of persons visiting the Asylum on the public days, which are now restricted to Mondays and Thursdays, has been enormous, having recently exceeded 250 on a single day. Of more distinguished visits I cannot refrain from a passing allusion to that of Dr. E. Seguin, the illustrious pioneer in the work of idiot training, to whom we are indebted for several valuable practical hints.

This year, in accordance with the rule permitting a vacation during the month of August, 33 patients of two-years' standing visited their friends for periods varying from one to four weeks. In almost every instance the friends bear grateful testimony to the marked improvement they have thus had the opportunity of observing; and the father of one of the boys writes as follows:—"Joseph was a very good boy whilst at home. I am very well pleased with the improvement in him. He did not hesitate to come *home*, as he called the Asylum, the best evidence of kindly and proper treatment I could have." I may just add, by way of note, that this lad was so anxious to return that as soon as he got sight of the Building, he left his grandfather (who was acting as escort) and ran up the hill as fast as he could to rejoin his companions at the Asylum.

No important change has occurred in our Staff during the year. The general conduct of Attendants and Servants has been satisfactory, and much praiseworthy zeal has been shown by them in the care of the children. Difficulties have been experienced in obtaining the requisite number of female servants, but by the good management of the Matron the work of the various domestic departments has been efficiently performed. The Laundry appointments have proved very complete, and have been frequently referred to as models for other Institutions.

In conclusion, I have again to express my acknowledgments to the Committee for continued kindness and consideration, and have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster,
September 10, 1873.

CASES OF IMPROVEMENT ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE FOREGOING REPORT.

BOYS.

No. 112.—*J. S. L.*, aged 11, admitted August, 1872. Upon admission noted to be characteristically idiotic in appearance, constantly protruding his tongue and slavering. Speech very indistinct—often unintelligible to his parents; not clean in his habits. On examination is found to know the letter *O* and repeat a few numerals by rote: no other educational acquirements. Now (September, 1873,) perfectly clean and well-conducted; keeps his mouth closed, and has remarkably intelligent expression. Speaks quite distinctly; can read a few words; forms letters neatly in copy-book; works simple addition sums; can tell the hours of the clock; knows a few coins and weights, all the simple colours, and the names and uses of most common objects. Is learning shoemaking, and "clozes uppers" neatly.

No. 108.—*J. A. W.*, aged 15, admitted August, 1872. An imbecile lad with choreic movement of head. Spoke with hesitation and difficulty: knew only one or two letters; could make strokes on slate and count a little; and knew one or two colours. Now (Sept., 1873) improved in speech; can read easy words, and write neatly in copy book; can work simple addition sums; tell the hour of the clock; knows all the coins, some weights, and all the simple colours, and can name and describe most common objects and their uses. Is learning shoemaking and stitches leather neatly.

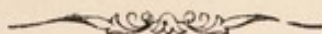
No. 86.—*J. A. F.*, (mentioned in last year's report) has during the last twelve months improved in reading, can now form easy letters in copy-book; understands the value of unit figures and can calculate a little in the shop lesson.

No. 60.—*J. R.*, (referred to in last year's report) has improved in walking and in speech; reads better; writes easy words neatly in copy-book; works simple addition sums more readily than formerly; can tell the time to a minute and calculate fairly in the shop-lesson; has a correct knowledge of the names and uses of common objects.

GIRLS.

No. 117.—*A. B.*, aged 16, admitted August, 1872. At first, most excitable and troublesome; often mischievous and spiteful. Knew some of the letters; could make strokes, &c., indifferently on the slate and count imperfectly; could knit a little, but usually unravelled her work. Now (September, 1873,) much better conducted than formerly; a good bed maker and anxious to make herself useful. Can read most simple words by spelling them; makes easy letters neatly in copy-book; counts correctly to 100; sews well, knits in coloured wools, makes woollen mats on frames, and does not destroy her work.

No. 115.—*M. K.*, aged 11, admitted August, 1872. Then a monster of obesity (weighing 7st. 12lb., though only 4ft. 6in. high), and very inactive both in body and mind, but fretful in the extreme. Could utter only a few indistinct monosyllabic sounds; educational attainments, *nil*. Now (September, 1873,) considerably reduced in bulk (weight 7st. 5oz., height 4ft. 8½in.), quite active, and anxious to make herself useful; amiable in disposition. Is now able to pronounce sentences intelligibly, knows several letters, and can make strokes fairly on slate; is beginning to use her needle.



RECEIPTS AND

From June 30th, 1872, to

											GENERAL		
Receipts.											£	s.	d.
To Balance June 30th, 1872 .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,058	2	3
„ Donations .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,717	14	0
„ Legacies under fifty guineas .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	214	19	0
„ Interest on Deposits .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	41	15	7
„ Rent and Farm Produce .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	153	2	10
„ Sundries .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	6
„ Balance due to Secretary .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	9	9
„ Balance due to Lancaster Bank .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,056	18	7

£11,248 5 6

Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—September 26th, 1873.

REES, WHITE, & Co., Public Accountants, Manchester,
 JAMES CARTER MOON, Lancaster.
 WILLIAM SATTERTHWAITE, Lancaster.

HONORARY AUDITORS.

EXPENDITURE.

June 30th, 1873.

ACCOUNT,

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Expenses of Public Meetings, Local Committees, &c. ..	65	0	5			
„ Expenses of Elections	268	16	3			
„ Printing Subscription Lists, Eighth Annual Report, and General Printing and Stationery	260	4	0			
„ General Advertising	3	0	9			
„ Salaries, Wages, and Travelling Expenses	567	19	1			
„ Office Rent, Rates, Fuel, Gas, Carriage, and Petty Cash Sundries	42	1	10			
„ Postage of Reports, Pamphlets, Circulars, Voting Papers, Letters, &c.	41	19	10			
„ Farm Expenses, including Stock, Implements, &c.	444	1	8			
„ Laying out Grounds and Garden Expenses	536	1	10			
„ Property Expenses	3	10	11			
„ General Sundries	27	5	9			
„ Bank Commission, &c.	15	3	7			
				2,275	5	11
„ Purchase of Tithe Rent Charge				245	3	10
„ FURNITURE :—						
General	712	13	6			
Ironmongery	69	5	10			
Crockery	4	2	5			
House Linen	8	18	0			
Bedding	295	10	11			
Sundries	2	7	0			
				1,092	17	8
„ BUILDING ACCOUNT :—						
Masonry, &c.	1,600	0	0			
Woodwork	1,800	0	0			
Ironwork	250	0	0			
Slating	450	11	5			
Plastering	400	0	0			
Plumbing and Glazing	700	0	0			
Heating Apparatus	400	0	0			
Gas Fittings	251	0	9			
Water Pipes	10	11	8			
Chimney Pieces	91	0	0			
Locks	50	1	1			
Boundary Walls	534	3	2			
Clerk of the Works	126	0	0			
Insurance of Building	28	15	0			
Sundries, including Grates, Electric Bells, Painting, &c. ..	342	15	0			
				7,034	18	1
„ BALANCE :—						
Freehold Property				600	0	0
				£11,248	5	6

RECEIPTS AND
From June 30th, 1872, to

MAINTENANCE

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance, from June 30th, 1872	1,590	13	4
„ Annual Subscriptions for 1872-73	2,188	9	8
„ Payments for Patients	1,709	4	10
„ Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments and Deposits	1,441	14	1
„ Interest on Maintenance Account Deposits.. .. .	137	3	4
„ Sundries	47	5	11
„ Balance due to Secretary	1	16	2

£7,116 7 4

SUSTENTATION

Dr.	£	s.	d.
To BALANCE, June 30th, 1872 (£31,576 14s. 5d., less £20 6s. 1d., Bank Commission)	31,556	8	4
„ Donations	460	18	0
„ Legacies	2,175	12	8
„ Instalment of Presentation Payment	105	0	0

£34,297 19

Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—September 26th, 1873.

REES, WHITE, & Co. Public Accountants, Manchester.
JAMES CARTER MOON, Lancaster.
WILLIAM SATTERTHWAITE, Lancaster.

HONORARY AUDITORS.

EXPENDITURE

June 30th, 1873.

ACCOUNT.

	Cr.		£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Secretary June 30th, 1872			7	5	3
„ Salaries and Wages			1,469	2	8
„ Travelling Expenses			3	8	3
„ Provisions			1,872	16	0
„ Necessaries—					
Coals			534	13	2
Gas			140	14	11
Water			29	6	6
General			46	8	8
„ Clothing			347	17	6
„ Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c.			46	15	7
„ Workshop Expenses			4	5	9
„ School Materials			4	7	4
„ Repairs.. .. .			10	15	11
„ Advertising			7	17	4
„ Printing and Stationery			17	12	9
„ Carriage, Postage and Telegrams			5	4	6
„ Insurance of Boiler			6	6	0
„ Sundries			38	12	3
„ Bank Commission, &c.			7	2	8
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank			2,515	14	4
			<u>£7,116</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>

FUND ACCOUNT.

	Cr.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By INVESTMENTS:—								
£6,000 Madras Railway Stock; Interest at 5 per cent. ..			6,343	0	0			
£6,000 Scinde Delhi Railway Stock; Interest at 5 per cent. ..			6,250	0	0			
£1,200 Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Stock; Interest at 5 per cent. ..			1,237	8	0			
£3,225 Lancaster Canal Shares, 86 shares at 37½; Interest at 4½ per cent. ..			3,225	0	0			
South Eastern Railway Stock:								
£1000 Preference, Interest at 5 per cent ..			3,701	11	4			
£1,850 Preference, „ „ 4½ „ ..								
£800 Fixed „ „ 4½ „ ..								
£1,200 (Cockermouth and Workington) London and North Western Railway Preference Stock; Interest at 10 per cent. ..			2,703	2	6			
£1,000 Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Debenture Stock; Interest at 4½ per cent ..			1,000	0	0			
£3,800 Great Western Preference Stock; Interest at 5 per cent. ..			4,290	4	0			
£1,200 North Eastern Preference Stock; Interest at 4½ per cent ..			1,212	10	0			
£845 Furness Preference Stock; Interest at 6 per cent. ..			1,133	13	9			
£2,000 Furness Redeemable Preference Stock; interest at 5 per cent., ..			2,070	12	6			
Deposit on £1,000 Madras Railway new £20 shares; Interest at 5 per cent ..			250	6	2			
						33,417	8	3
Deposit of Purchase Money for additional Land ..						200	0	0
Bank Commission						3	6	0
Balance at Lancaster Bank						677	4	9
						<u>£34,297</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>0</u>

AUDITORS' REPORT.

26, KING STREET, MANCHESTER,

26TH SEPTEMBER, 1873.

We have the pleasure again to report the completion of the Annual Audit of the Accounts of the Royal Albert Asylum. The Vouchers for the payments made, and the Securities for the different investments, have been produced to us, and we have found them correct and in order. We can bear testimony to the accuracy with which the books of the Institution are kept, and to the care which is bestowed upon them.

We find that up to the 30th June last—at which date the accounts of the Asylum for the year are closed—donations to the amount of £80,107 18s. 10d. had been promised, and of this sum £79,593 11s. 10d. had been actually received,—the surprisingly small sum of only £514 7s. 0d. remaining unpaid.

The steady progress maintained as regards Annual Subscriptions is satisfactory, there being this year an increase of £650 over the previous one. While congratulating you upon this increase, it must be obvious that the objects of the Institution are confined, by want of means, within limits which bear but a small proportion to the requirements of the district.

We had the great pleasure of observing the progress made by the patients already received, and we would urge all who can find opportunity for visiting the Asylum, to avail themselves of it, feeling certain that they would be thereby stimulated to exert themselves to the utmost in favour of this noble Institution.

REES, WHITE, & Co., PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS,

Honorary Auditors.

LIST OF CLERGYMEN AND MINISTERS

WHO HAVE ALREADY PREACHED IN AID OF THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM

- The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester, at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. John Allen, Vicar.
- Rev. C. J. Vaughan, D.D., at the Parish Church, Leeds; Rev. Dr. Atlay (now Bishop of Hereford), Vicar.
- Rev. A. R. Ashwell, Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.
- Rev. W. C. Bache, Longridge Church, Preston.
- Rev. W. Baitey, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Whitby.
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- Rev. S. Chapman, Baptist Chapel, Rochdale.
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- Rev. Thompson Hesk, Wesley Chapel, Whitby.
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- Rev. J. Holgate, Baptist Chapel, Salterforth.
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- Rev. W. Jackson, Independent Chapel, Whitby.
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- Rev. C. Marsden, Gargrave Church.
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- Rev. E. White, Quernmore Church, Lancaster.
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- Rev. R. W. Wilson, Sutton Church, Cross Hills.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM TOWNS

WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD.

	Donations.			Annual Subscriptions.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
LANCASTER (1)	10597	10	10	196	17	8
LIVERPOOL	7239	11	3	124	5	0
BRADFORD (2)	7005	5	0	226	9	6
MANCHESTER (3)	5881	10	4	54	11	0
ROCHDALE (4)	3246	3	0	184	16	6
LEEDS (5)	2588	0	8	122	1	0
PRESTON	2343	7	9	48	16	6
CUMBERLAND (CARLISLE &c.)	2340	10	6	107	0	6
CHESHIRE (CHESTER, STOCKPORT, &c.)	2185	0	6	89	19	6
HALIFAX	1934	11	0	225	5	6
NORTH LONSDALE (ULVERSTON, BARROW, &c.)	1631	4	10	43	11	6
KENDAL	1574	6	0	30	17	6
SKIPTON	1046	2	5	17	5	6
SETTLE	911	0	11	16	5	6
DURHAM	867	7	9	55	2	6
YORK	845	0	6	26	10	6
BOLTON	824	16	0	31	10	0
HUDDERSFIELD	808	12	0	46	13	6
SHEFFIELD	802	5	0	125	5	6
BURNLEY	667	5	0	18	2	6
WAKEFIELD	660	18	6	11	0	6
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE	649	9	6	34	18	6
KIRKBY LONSDALE	610	14	0	6	6	0
WARRINGTON	602	17	6	33	12	0
DARLINGTON	598	13	0	50	18	6
OLDHAM	500	9	0	5	5	0
SOUTHPORT	459	17	4	33	14	6
WIGAN	425	4	0	47	15	6
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	298	17	0	11	11	0
KEIGHLEY	284	1	0			
SCARBOROUGH	280	19	0	14	12	0
SUNDERLAND	279	5	0	10	10	0
ST. HELENS	242	12	3	37	16	0
SELBY	241	6	0	0	10	6
HULL	203	13	0	2	2	0
WHITBY	194	17	9	4	14	6
ROTHERHAM	173	12	6	21	0	0
HARTLEPOOL	122	9	0	8	18	6
DONCASTER	111	1	6	6	6	0
MIDDLESBOROUGH	63	0	0	8	18	6
WEST HARTLEPOOL	55	7	6	12	12	0
STOCKTON-ON-TEES	51	5	0	11	2	6
SOUTH SHIELDS	48	16	6	22	1	0
BERWICK-UPON-TWEED	45	16	6	9	7	6

JAMES DIGGENS,
GENERAL SECRETARY.

June 30th, 1873.

- (1) The Lancaster donations include £2050 from the late Mr. James Brunton, and £1000 from the Lancaster Banking Company.
- (2) The Bradford donations include £5105 from Sir Titus Salt, Bart.
- (3) The Manchester donations include £1105 from the late John Fernley, Esq., and £1000 from the late Robert Barnes, Esq.
- (4) The Rochdale donations include £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, Esq., and £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, junr., Esq.
- (5) The Leeds Subscriptions include £500 from Miss Dawson, of Bramhope Manor, Otley.

PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1873.

- Baldwin Miss, Woodcroft, Ulverston, Parcel of Illustrated Papers.
 Bennett, William, Heysham Tower, Lancaster, Bulbs, Cuttings, Plants, &c.
 Birley, Edmund, Clifton Hall, Preston, Parcel of Toys.
 Bradshaw, William, Lancaster, a Mangle.
 Burrow, Mrs., Guy Hill, Bentham, 8 vols. of "Illustrated News."
 Crossley, Louis J., Halifax, Handsome Flag for Flag-staff.
 Denis de Vitre, Henry, Charlton House, Wantage, Berks, 6 Canaries.
 Edmondson, Miss, Grassyard Hall, Lancaster, Parcel of Illustrated Papers.
 Hadwen, Mrs., Lancaster, Parcel of Dressed Dolls.
 Hammond, J. H., M.D., Preston, Hamper and Packet of Toys, &c.; "Illustrated London News," sent weekly.
 Howitt, Miss, Lancaster, Parcel of Dressed Dolls and Knitted Balls.
 Hunter, J. R., Bolton-le-Moors, Sack of Oranges for Christmas Festivities.
 Kerr & Jubb, Messrs., Halifax, Box of India Rubber Dolls and Toys.
 Mannington, Mrs., Southport, Folding Screen ornamented with Photographs and Engravings.
 Paley, E. G., Lancaster, 6 Framed Prints.
 Parker, Miss Margaret, Browsholme Hall, Clitheroe, Illuminated Texts, &c.
 Pease, Edward, Greencroft, Darlington, Quantity of Garden Seeds.
 Prosser, William, London, Watchman's Patent Timekeeper.
 Rigby, Mrs., Bruche Hall, Warrington, Parcel of Old Linen.
 Robinson, Mrs. James, Fulwood Park, Preston, Parcel of School Slates.
 Satterthwaite, William, Lancaster, Christmas-tree, Bundle and Parcel of Clothing.
 Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, London, 29 vols. Books, Parcel of Texts, Prints, &c.
 Vince, George, Lancaster, Suite of Drawing Room Furniture.
 Wilkin, Rev. A., M.A., Bootle, Cumberland, Harmonium, Pictures, and Parcel of Illustrated Papers.
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