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NOVEMBER, 1875.

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Thomas Woods, Esq., Lancaster	19	19	0
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# GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING AT SHEFFIELD.

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The GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Subscribers to the Royal Albert Asylum was held at the Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, on Thursday, October 28th, 1875,

## THE RIGHT HON. LORD WHARNCLIFFE

IN THE CHAIR.

The proceedings having been opened with prayer, the General Secretary (Mr James Diggins) presented 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, with great satisfaction, recognises many encouraging proofs of progress, both as regards the increased financial resources of the Asylum and the general improvement in the condition of the Patients; and earnestly commends the Royal Albert Asylum to the generous support of all classes in the Seven Associated Counties.

Moved by John T. Hibbert, Esq., Manchester; seconded by Rev. J. Shepherd Birley M.A., Bolton; and supported by F. T. Mappin, Esq., Sheffield.

- 2.—That this Meeting cordially supports the formation of Ladies' Associations similar to that which has been so successfully organised in the County of Durham; believing that such Associations would prove most efficient auxiliaries in furtherance of the objects of the Royal Albert Asylum.

Moved by Dr. E. Denis de Vitre, Lancaster; seconded by E. M. Fenwick, Esq., Kirkby Lonsdale.

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

|                        |                               |                              |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
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Moved by The Right Rev. Bishop Ryan, Archdeacon of Craven; seconded by Sir James Meek, Knt., York.

- 4.—That this Meeting expresses its obligations to the Sheffield Committee for its past services, and respectfully requests the following Gentlemen (with power to add to their number) to act in the same capacity for the promotion of the objects of the Asylum:—

|                                |                        |                          |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
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| E. BAINBRIDGE, Esq.            |                        |                          |                  |

Moved by Rev. W. Milton, M.A., Sheffield; seconded by R. A. Allison, Esq., Carlisle.

- 5.—That the best thanks of this Meeting be given to the Honorary Auditors for the past year (the Rev. D. Davis, B.A., and William Satterthwaite, Esq.) for their efficient audit of the Accounts of the Asylum; and this Meeting, in accordance with Rule 34, hereby appoints for the ensuing year the Rev. D. Davis, B.A., and W. Satterthwaite, Esq., as Honorary Auditors, and Mr. William G. Welch, as Professional Auditor.

Moved by Rev. S. Earnshaw, M.A., Sheffield; seconded by Richard Hurst, Esq., Rochdale.

- 6.—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Members of the Central Committee who have attended to-day in support of the claims of the Institution.

Moved by Robert Leader, Esq., Sheffield; seconded by Geo. Wilton Chambers, Esq., Rotherham.

- 7.—That, circumstances permitting, the next General Annual Meeting of this Institution be held at Chester, on Wednesday, September 27th, 1876, and that notice thereof be given in the Lancaster, Chester, Sheffield, Leeds, York, Manchester, Liverpool, Carlisle, Kendal, Durham, and Newcastle newspapers.

Moved by the Rev. David Davis, B.A., Lancaster; seconded by James Grant, Esq., Lancaster.

The proceedings closed with a cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was moved by Dr. E. D. de Vitre, and seconded by F. T. Mappin, Esq.

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The Chairman of the Sheffield Committee, (F. T. Mappin, Esq.), afterwards entertained the friends of the Institution at LUNCHEON, in the old Banqueting Room at the Cutlers' Hall. There were about 200 guests present. Mr. MAPPIN presided, and was supported at the centre table by Lord and Lady Wharnccliffe, Mrs. Mappin, the Right Rev. Bishop Ryan, Sir James Meek, Knt., the Ex-Master Cutler (Geo. Wilson, Esq.), and Mrs. Wilson, the Vicar of Sheffield (Rev. Rowley Hill), Rev. J. Shepherd Birley, John T. Hibbert, Esq., Dr. E. D. de Vitre, &c., &c.

A Report of the proceedings at the Annual Meeting and at the Luncheon may be had on application to the Secretary.

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# REPORT

*Presented to the Subscribers at the General Annual Meeting, held at Sheffield, on Thursday, October 28th, 1875.*

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At the last General Annual Meeting of the Royal Albert Asylum, which was held at Carlisle on the 30th September, 1874, it was unanimously resolved that the next General Annual Meeting should take place at Sheffield; and in obedience to that resolution, the Central Committee now submit their Eleventh Annual Report.

In glancing at the progress which has been made since the project was first publicly presented to the inhabitants of Sheffield, the Central Committee sincerely recognise abundant reason for heartfelt and devout gratitude. It was early in the year 1866 that a public meeting was held here to promote the establishment of an Asylum for Idiots in the Northern Counties. Lord Wharncliffe presided, and, in an able address, most succinctly and forcibly described the difficult conditions under which alone any adequate and useful system of idiot training could be successfully pursued. His Lordship also eloquently pleaded the inalienable claim of the idiot upon the commiseration of all true Christian hearts. Since then an Asylum capable of accommodating 600 patients has been erected, upon its own estate of 85 acres, in one of the most salubrious and picturesque of localities. The building is admired alike for its stability, its elegant proportions, its complete adaptation to the purpose for which it was designed, and for the absence of superfluous ornamentation. The plans were most carefully elaborated, and the subscribers now possess one of the best constructed Idiot Asylums in the world, erected at a cost which compares most favourably with that of any institution devoted to similar purposes.\* And, best of all,

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\* In proof of the excellence of the Building and its arrangements, the Central Committee refer, with gratification, to the following independent testimony. Dr. H. B. Wilbur, Superintendent of the New York State Asylum for Idiots, (who has had extensive experience, and is considered in the United States an eminent authority on the training of imbeciles,) visited the Royal Albert Asylum last July, and spent two days in a thorough inspection of every department. In a letter which he wrote subsequently, Dr. Wilbur said: "The Building is admirably planned and constructed in all its parts and appliances to meet the object for which it was designed. The general attractiveness of the place is obvious to everyone." The Asylum was afterwards inspected by Dr. H. M. Knight, Superintendent of the Connecticut School for Imbeciles, who made the following entry in the Visitors' Book: "We have no such ample, well-appointed Institution buildings for Idiots in America, so far as my observation has extended." Dr. Grabham, Medical Superintendent of the Eariswood Asylum, has also expressed in the Visitors' Book his high opinion of the Building and of the excellence of its arrangements. Similar encomiums had been previously expressed by Dr. Seguin, of world-wide reputation as the pioneer in the work of educating the idiot; Dr. Ireland, the Medical Superintendent of the Scottish National Institution for Imbeciles at Larbert; Mr. W. Millard, the Superintendent of the Eastern Counties Asylum for Idiots at Colchester; and others whose opinions are of great value.

251 of those feeble minded children—those poor outcasts of reason—for whom the Asylum has been established, are now sheltered within its walls, and receiving the full advantage of its beneficial training: some to be nerved and equipped for performing, under kind supervision, the common duties of ordinary life; some to be raised from a degraded and helpless condition of mere animal existence to a higher and better life, with slumbering faculties aroused and weak physical powers strengthened and usefully trained. The only source of regret to the Central Committee is that the building is still burdened with a heavy debt which impedes their benevolent operations, and that the income, derived as it is from Annual Subscriptions, Payments of Patients, and interest of Sustentation Fund, is, at present, utterly inadequate to the needs of the Institution. Candidates clamour for admission, but most of them must be disappointed while the funds are barely sufficient for the maintenance of one-half of the entire number which might be received.

The proposition which Mr. R. Newsham, of Preston, spontaneously made for the extinction of the debt, and, at the same time, increasing the admissions, to which reference was made in the last Report, did not elicit a very general response. In approval of Mr. Newsham's benevolent suggestion, the Central Committee decided to allow Special Donors of 300 guineas the right to present for a five years' training one patient of the class that would be eligible for election. Of each of these contributions, the Committee intended to appropriate 100 guineas to the Maintenance Fund and 200 guineas to the Building Fund. Two liberal-hearted friends of the Institution, who have several times generously responded to the appeals of the Committee, Mr. Daniel Gaskell, of Lupset Hall, Wakefield, and Mr. G. Buckston Browne, Halifax, accepted Mr. Newsham's challenge, and made special contributions accordingly.

Among the principal means of reducing the debt from £20,000, at which it stood when the last Report was presented, to its present amount of £12,000, must be mentioned the contributions given in connection with the Grand Banquet at the Assize Courts, Manchester, on Easter Tuesday. That earnest and consistent friend of the Asylum, Lord Winmarleigh, presided, and was supported by the Lord Bishop of Manchester, the Chairman of the Congregational Union (Rev. A. Thomson, M.A.), the Mayors of Manchester and Salford, Mr. Hugh Birley, M.P., Mr. Joshua Fielden, M.P., and other well-known philanthropists. The President advocated the various claims of the Institution with great fervour and ability, and with that perfect

knowledge of the origin and development of the idea of a Northern Counties' Asylum, as well as intimate acquaintance with its promoters, which gave considerable weight to his opinions and force to his appeals.

The following munificent Contributions were announced :—

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| W. Atkinson, Esq....           | £1,000 |
| W. H. Wakefield, Esq....       | 525    |
| Joshua Fielden, Esq., M.P. ... | 500    |
| Joshua Appleyard, Esq....      | 420    |
| Messrs. Storey Bros., & Co.... | 210    |

Large contributions were also received from other old friends of the Charity; and the total amount thus obtained was £4,450 in Donations, and £96 in Annual Subscriptions. The suggestion of a Banquet at Manchester originated with a member of the Rochdale Committee (Mr. T. B. Willans), and was cordially approved by the Manchester and other Local Committees in the neighbourhood. A special and influential committee, called the Salford Hundred Committee, was formed, consisting chiefly of representatives from the Local Committees in the Hundred; and under the active leadership of Mr. J. T. Hibbert, whose earnest interest in the Asylum continues unabated, and whose able and valuable services are always cheerfully placed at the disposal of the Central Committee, the Banquet was crowned with success. Grateful acknowledgments are also due to Mr. E. S. Heywood, Mr. R. Hurst, Mr. J. A. Bremner, Mr. J. W. Maclure, Mr. A. Simpson, and other gentlemen, who, by their zealous exertions, contributed greatly to the success of the Banquet; and to the Assize Courts' Committee for so kindly granting the free use of their noble building.

It has always been felt a hindrance to the full development of the financial resources of the Institution that it has had no visible, permanent localisation in the important district of South Lancashire, and especially in Manchester, which is everywhere recognised as one of the most benevolent communities in the world. With the hearty concurrence of the Local Committees, the Central Committee have opened a Branch Office at the Exchange Chambers, Bank Street, Manchester, where ready information about the Asylum can be obtained at stated times. It is hoped that the General Secretary (Mr. Diggins) may be able to attend this office on Tuesdays, for meetings and conferences, to supply information respecting the admission of patients, to see candidates, and to transact other business of the Institution. To Mr.

R Hurst and Mr. E. S. Heywood the thanks of the Central Committee are especially due for the kind interest they have evinced in this Agency.

One of the most useful of the agencies of the Institution is "The County of Durham Ladies' Association for the Royal Albert Asylum." In their last Report, the Central Committee expressed an opinion that the time had arrived for the formation of Ladies' Auxiliary Committees throughout the Seven Associated Counties; and indicated what useful service such an organisation might render in obtaining small contributions from persons who would be overlooked by the Local Committees, and in seeking out and bringing under the notice of those Committees cases of imbeciles such as the Institution is intended to benefit. At the last General Annual Meeting the suggestion was cordially approved by the Ven. Archdeacon Bland, of Durham, who predicted excellent results from the co-operation of ladies. Shortly afterwards, several influential ladies in the City of Durham spontaneously originated "The County of Durham Ladies' Association for the Royal Albert Asylum." whose object was, according to their circular, "to arouse the sympathy of those who cannot afford to subscribe largely." The scheme is well devised and has ramifications in every town and village of the County. During the first year of its existence it has been most vigorously worked, and has added to the funds no less than £361 7s. 2d. in Annual Subscriptions and £46 5s. in Donations. In starting the Association, the promoters hoped to raise in Annual Subscriptions of 5s. each the handsome sum of £280, but in carrying out the work the ladies have taken what they could get—from two guineas to threepence a year. The importance of this agency for obtaining contributions is well illustrated by its success in a large town where the Central Committee had found it almost impossible to establish a footing. By the resolute and judicious zeal of an influential lady a Local Committee was formed, with the gratifying result of 300 new contributions varying in amount from an annual subscription of 1s. to a donation of £5 5s. Were this agency adopted by the other six Counties, the Central Committee are confident that the Annual Income might soon be made adequate to the full requirements of the Institution, and a large sum obtained towards the liquidation of the Debt on the Building.

Again has the Lord Bishop of Durham pleaded with pathos and ability the urgent claims of the afflicted idiot to the tender sympathy and practical support of Christian benevolence. His Lordship presided at a large and influential public meeting, held in the Town Hall, Durham, on the 23rd of June, in connection with an Election of 25

patients. The Election was presided over by the High Sheriff of Durham, and by Mr. J. T. Hibbert, as Chairman of the Lancashire Committee. There was a good attendance of earnest friends of the Institution as members of the Central Committee, among whom were Archdeacon Bland, Chairman of the Durham Local Committee, Archdeacon Prest, Gateshead, Chairman of the Durham County Committee; Dr. E. D. de Vitré, Lancaster, Chairman of the Central Committee; Mr. R. A. Allison, Treasurer of the Cumberland Committee; Mr. R. Hurst, Treasurer of the Rochdale Committee; Mr. A. Stevenson, Chairman and Treasurer of the South Shields Committee; Mr. F. W. Tetley, Hon. Secretary of the Leeds Local Committee; Dr. Bowman, Sunderland; Mr. E. M. Fenwick, Mr. T. Howitt, Mr. J. C. Moon, and Mr. W. Roper, Lancaster. The success of these meetings was greatly promoted by the kind and unremitting labours of Major Monks, the Honorary Secretary of the Durham County Committee.

Subscribers to Voting Charities have, during the last few years, been much disturbed by the discussion of the question of the desirability of abandoning the system of admitting beneficiaries by the votes of the subscribers. The subject has from the first engaged the attention of the Central Committee, and every precaution has been taken to guard against the evils objected to by the opponents of the ordinary system of Charity Elections. The Committee think that in the voting system of the Royal Albert Asylum, a judicious and satisfactory compromise has been adopted. All who have seen it in operation testify to its admirable efficiency. The prohibition of canvassing for votes by printed card or circular—although strict and absolute for the time—is regarded by the Central Committee as tentative. The change has been made in the interests of the candidates themselves, and especially on behalf of those whose relatives, from extreme poverty, or other causes, are unable to bear the expense and the loss of time involved in publicly canvassing for votes. If it be really found that nothing can compensate for permission to appeal to the subscribers directly, and that the abolition of the canvassing system seriously affects the financial resources of the Institution, the Central Committee will feel at liberty to withdraw the prohibition. Meanwhile, every fact which, having been thoroughly sifted by the Executive, is believed to tell in favour of a candidate, will, whenever practicable, be embodied in the official statement given in the Voting Paper; and subscribers will thus have before them all the information necessary to guide them in deciding for whom they will vote. The Central Committee will use whatever influence they possess to prevent a candidate, who has

been entered on the list of eligible candidates, from ultimately failing. In receiving Voting Papers, subscribers are periodically reminded of the existence of the Institution and of its *raison d'être*; and of the heavy burden of sorrow which their benevolence can remove.

In accordance with a resolution unanimously adopted at the last General Annual Meeting—and which was moved by Mr. J. T. Hibbert of Manchester, seconded by Mr. M. W. Thompson, of Bradford, and supported by the Ven. Archdeacon of Northumberland—an Appeal for collections has been extensively circulated among the Clergy and Ministers of all denominations, but hitherto without much tangible result. The appeal was signed by the Lord Bishop of Carlisle, Chairman of the Cumberland Committee; Lord Egerton of Tatton, Chairman of the Cheshire Committee; Mr. J. T. Hibbert, Chairman of the Lancashire Committee; Mr. Arthur Lupton, Chairman of the Yorkshire Committee; Mr. W. H. Wakefield, Chairman of the Westmorland Committee; the Ven. Archdeacon Bland, Chairman of the Durham County Committee; and by Dr. E. D. de Vitre, Chairman of the Central Committee. The importance of pulpit advocacy of the cause of the Asylum has been repeatedly referred to in these Annual Reports, and the Central Committee again urge it not only as a means of augmenting the funds, but also of diffusing information respecting the benevolent objects of the charity.

During the year the following gentlemen have preached for the Asylum:—

- Rev. John Allen, Parish Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. R. Atkinson, St. Michael's, Cockerham.
- Rev. Dr. Black, Newchurch, Warrington.
- Rev. G. L. Blake, St. Mary's, Ellet Grange, Lancaster.
- Rev. F. Bolton, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. W. E. Chapman, St. Mary's, Sowerby.
- Rev. A. Christopherson, Caton Church.
- Rev. H. B. Hawkins, Parish Church, Lytham.
- Rev. T. C. Henley, Kirkby Malham Church.
- Rev. A. H. Hughes, Holy Trinity Church, Darlington.
- Rev. Thomas Leach, Parish Church, Burton-in-Lonsdale.
- Rev. E. C. Maclure, Holy Trinity, Habergham Eaves.
- Rev. Dr. Neary, South Ossett Church, Wakefield.
- Rev. H. A. Starkie, Parish Church, Radcliffe.
- Rev. Thomas Windsor, Congregational Chapel, Skipton.

Of the 251 patients in the Asylum at the date of this Report, 107 belong to Lancashire 78 to Yorkshire, 22 to Durham, 15 to Cheshire

12 to Northumberland, 11 to Cumberland, 4 to Westmorland; and two full payment cases belong to Counties not included in the Asylum district. The number from Northumberland will probably appear excessive to those who are acquainted with the general principle upon which cases are admitted, (viz., of each County electing a number of patients in proportion to the amount of its contributions), and who notice that, as yet, Northumberland has made but a comparatively small contribution to the funds of the Asylum. Most of the patients from that County have been admitted on the reduced payment scale.

The Contributions of the Seven Associated Counties to the General Fund) (for Land, Buildings, Furniture, &c.) and to the Maintenance Fund are as under:—

|                      | DONATIONS. |    |    | ANNUAL<br>SUBSCRIPTIONS. |    |    |
|----------------------|------------|----|----|--------------------------|----|----|
|                      | £          | s. | d. | £                        | s. | d. |
| Lancashire.....      | 43,459     | 8  | 0  | 1,260                    | 12 | 0  |
| Yorkshire .....      | 36,898     | 19 | 8  | 1,001                    | 8  | 6  |
| Westmorland .....    | 3,298      | 14 | 1  | 90                       | 10 | 0  |
| Cumberland .....     | 2,546      | 1  | 0  | 134                      | 8  | 0  |
| Cheshire.....        | 2,272      | 1  | 10 | 97                       | 19 | 0  |
| Durham .....         | 2,177      | 9  | 8  | 564                      | 3  | 2  |
| Northumberland ..... | 849        | 11 | 8  | 53                       | 1  | 6  |
|                      | £91,502    | 5  | 11 | £3,202                   | 2  | 2  |

The increase in Donations since the last Report is £8,202 8s. 10d.; in Annual Subscriptions, £693 7s. 0d. The progress is most marked and gratifying. The debt has been reduced from £20,000 to £12,000, and increased means have been placed at the disposal of the Committee for extending the benefits of the Asylum. But the Annual Subscriptions need to be more than doubled before the full complement of patients can be admitted. They are, in a commercial community like that of the Seven Northern Counties, a fluctuating source of income, and must be supplemented by a permanent and adequate Sustentation Fund. By munificent donations and handsome bequests such a fund is being formed, and although the work has proceeded simultaneously with the raising of the Building Fund and a large amount in Annual Subscriptions, it has already reached £48,095 16s. 1d. All Legacies of Fifty Guineas and upwards are appropriated to this fund, and permanently invested, the interest alone being available for current expenses.

For detailed information on matters of finance, the Committee refer, with pleasure, to the annexed statement of accounts, which has been thoroughly audited.

The following are among the Special Contributions to which it is considered desirable to refer :—

The Children attending Stanney National School, Chester, have made a further contribution of 15s. ; and 17s. 5d. has been received as collected at Cuerden Green School, Preston.

An additional gift of Five Guineas has been contributed in memory of "Henrietta, April 7th, 1874."

The sum of Five Guineas has been derived from a Band of Hope Festival at Lancaster.

A Donation of Five Guineas has been received from Stockton-on-Tees, to be entered in the name of "The First Principal, for the time being, of the Tees Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons, No. 509."

A Thank-offering of £11 10s. has been contributed through a member of the Central Committee.

The Mayor of Burnley has forwarded a contribution of £21 from the County Constabulary Force, Burnley District.

The parents of several of the patients who have died in the Asylum have evinced their gratitude for the treatment their children received, by becoming Annual Subscribers to the funds of the Institution. Others have collected considerable amounts, one having obtained £30 5s. 6d. in Donations and £5 15s. 6d. in Annual Subscriptions.

A most interesting spectacle might have been witnessed at the Asylum in June last, when the beautiful model of a fine, full-rigged ship, six feet long, was presented to the patients, in the presence of the Central Committee, by the Workpeople of Mr. Matthew Simpson, of Glasson Dock, Lancaster, as the considerate and spontaneous offering of many months' occupation in their leisure hours. The ship is carefully kept in one of the rooms of the Institution until a suitable plate-glass case can be provided for it out of the special contributions of Visitors.

Other valuable presents for the amusement of the patients have been received during the year. A list of these gifts is, as usual, appended to the Report, and it comprises Toys for the Christmas Tree, Books, Engravings, Illustrated Papers, &c. Special mention ought to be made of the generosity of Messrs. Kerr and Jubb, of Halifax, and Mrs. John Dale, of Leeds, in forwarding their usual large contribution of Dolls and Toys for the Christmas Tree ; and of the thoughtful kindness of the Misses Thornhill, of Lancaster, in tastefully decorating the Tree. Mrs. F. E. Rawson, of Thorpe, Halifax, has again shown her interest in the afflicted inmates by the gift of a Parrot, in addition to her annual present of beautifully Illuminated Texts and Mottoes.

The Committee would remind Subscribers and Visitors that presents of Toys, Books, Pictures, Pianos, and other Musical Instruments, Perambulators, &c., are highly appreciated and of much service to the Institution.

Important assistance continues to be rendered by the Local Committees throughout the Seven Counties, and their influential support greatly tends to consolidate the various interests of the Institution.

The cordial thanks of the Central Committee are again offered to the Press for their constant and invaluable advocacy of the claims of the Royal Albert Asylum; and attention is invited to an admirable description of the daily work of the Institution, which appeared in the *Yorkshire Post*, on the 27th March, 1875, and which has been re-printed in the United States as calculated to advance the general cause of idiot training. Copies of this and other interesting Newspaper Articles, may be had on application to the Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent's Report contains much information of interest respecting the internal working of the Asylum. It is satisfactory to observe, on every hand, indubitable proofs of progress. The work of idiot-training is encompassed by exceptionally difficult conditions resulting from the abnormal physical organization of the patients; but under kind and judicious treatment, great improvement may, in most cases, be effected. It is evident that idiots cannot endure any great bodily or mental strain, and that the training needs to be carried on under the skilful direction of an experienced physician. The Royal Albert Asylum is still but a young Institution, and has had to train its own staff of teachers, trade instructors, attendants, and nurses. The progress which has already been made, cannot fail, therefore, to be most gratifying to the Subscribers.

In concluding this Report, the Central Committee desire to express their sincere and profound gratitude for the Divine blessing which has hitherto rested upon all their labours; and they humbly acknowledge that "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

EDWARD D. DE VITRÉ,

CHAIRMAN.

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*The Central Committee cannot be satisfied without expressing heartfelt gratitude that their Chairman has returned to his accustomed place after a temporary absence caused by failing sight; and that the happy restoration of the outward organ to its wonted functions enables him again successfully to apply the clear insight of his intellectual powers to the benevolent object to which he has for many years devoted himself. The Committee earnestly trust that he may long be enabled to lead the way himself, and to organise the efforts of others, in the endeavour to remove the cloud from the darkened mental vision of those to whose welfare this Institution is devoted.*

## MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S GENERAL REPORT.

*To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum.*

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of presenting my Fifth General Report as Medical Superintendent.

During the period which has elapsed since the date of my last Report (viz. from September 7th, 1874, to September 30th, 1875) there have been admitted into the Asylum, 72 patients—47 boys and 25 girls; 5 boys and 3 girls have been discharged; and 12 boys and 2 girls have died. The average number resident during the year has been 233; and there are at present in the Asylum, 177 male, and 74 female patients; total 251.

Of the patients discharged, one boy was withdrawn by his friends because they considered him sufficiently improved, after three years' training, to continue his education by ordinary methods. Four other patients (who were of the pauper class) were removed by their respective Guardians, after short periods of training in the Asylum. I would here urge the importance of a definite period of training being insisted upon for all improvable cases. The seven years' residence allowed to those who are admitted by election is not too long for any case, if permanent benefit is to be derived. Two girls were discharged in consequence of symptoms of insanity having supervened upon those of imbecility; and one boy on account of the persistence of a severe type of epilepsy. With regard to these last cases, a passing remark may be appropriate. It is always an unwelcome duty to recommend to the Committee the dismissal of patients; but it must be expected that from time to time cases will arise, in which, as adolescence is reached, the milder manifestations of mental defect give place to maniacal impulses, rendering the patient no longer amenable to moral discipline, and consequently an unfit associate for the other inmates. In such cases, transfer to a Lunatic Asylum is the only

alternative. The boy whose discharge is recorded on account of persistent Epilepsy was admitted, under exceptional circumstances, on the understanding that he would not be retained after a year's probation should his fits continue in spite of treatment. A few other epileptic patients have been received on a similar understanding, but as yet experience with this probationary class has not been very encouraging. In addition to these, a certain number of cases have become epileptic after their admission into the Institution; and hence, however stringent may be the rule for the exclusion of epileptics, it would appear that we must nevertheless be prepared for a certain percentage of patients who suffer occasionally from fits.

Of the deaths, the majority have again been due to some form of tubercular or scrofulous disease. One girl died at the home of her parents at Southport, whither she had gone at their request to try the effect of change. It may be well to mention here that in all cases of serious illness early intimation is sent to the friends, and that whenever it is desired that the sick child should be nursed at home, no objection is made to that course, provided the patient be able to travel. As a rule, however, it is found that the friends prefer to leave their children under the medical care of the Institution; and consequently at times during the past year the charge of the sick has been somewhat onerous. Grateful recognition of attention during illness has been repeatedly received from the friends of patients.

Happily, the community has again been free from serious epidemic disease, and the general sanitary condition has been good, notwithstanding a rather high death-rate. It should always be borne in mind that idiocy is constantly associated with a faulty physical organism, which is peculiarly prone to morbid degenerations: hence in an Institution for Idiots, hygienic precautions and hospital comforts are essential, which would be superfluous in an Educational Establishment for ordinary children. Idiots are physically, as well as mentally, an exceptional class; indeed, it may be asserted, with a considerable degree of certainty, that, in many cases at least, idiocy is but the outcome of a constitutional tendency to certain physical diseases.

During the past year, the northern portion of the Building has been brought into use. By this means, distinct and appropriate accommodation has been provided for the girls and infants, while the southern portion has been set at liberty for the boys exclusively. The Nursery Department, for the accommodation of young children of both sexes, is conveniently arranged; and there is a good Probationary Ward for the less hopeful class.

The School for Girls and Infants has also been transferred to the rooms in the north wing specially designed for it, and, under the judicious care of Mrs. Mills, has made satisfactory progress. She is zealously seconded by two Assistant Teachers, appointed at the end of last year, whose services are also utilised in special attention to the higher class of payment cases.

The teaching staff of the Boys' School,—which is, as before, ably conducted by Mr. Woods,—has been augmented by two school attendants selected for this special duty by their proved aptitude for the work.

While ample arrangement is thus made for instruction in school, it is to be remarked that in this Institution, industrial usefulness rather than any high degree of scholastic attainment, is looked upon as the ultimate object of training. Methodical school discipline under patient and practised teachers, is, however an essential preliminary to success in industrial employment, the elements of which indeed are taught as part of the school course. Thus a variety of domestic work is gone through in the girls' school; and the infant boys, who are too young to go to the shops, are instructed in sewing, knitting, and some of the Kindergarten employments. These occupations are exclusive of those tabulated in the appendix of this report, where attempt is made to show the several gradations of work in which the older boys and girls are occupied. It will be remarked that during the year a new shop has been established under a competent instructor, for the simple occupations of hair-teasing, coir-plaiting, and the making of mats, mattresses, brushes, and baskets. Suitable employment has thus been found for many boys, especially those of a low grade, whose physical or mental defects would prevent their learning trades previously in operation. We are indebted to the Authorities of the Larbert Institution and of the Edinburgh Royal Blind Asylum, for facilities afforded to our Instructor in the acquisition of the above-named trades.

The Farm-house was brought into use towards the end of last year, and some half-dozen of the more robust lads employed in farm-work have resided there under charge of the Farm-bailiff and his wife. This is regarded as a privilege, and may serve as a sort of stepping-stone from the routine of the Institution to life in the outer world. I cannot speak too highly of the salutary effect of out-door work upon a class of boys otherwise very difficult to manage; and I consider the farm a most valuable addition to our means of training.

Recreation of a wholesome character has been encouraged by the provision of a room in which the more intelligent boys may read books out of school hours, and at stated times amuse themselves with bagatelle, draughts, dominoes, &c. It may not be out of place to mention here that nearly twenty patients are able to read books for amusement, and that one of them has such an avidity for reading, that he has perused the 150 volumes in our library, and is anxiously awaiting the arrival of additions thereto. Amongst the older girls, classes for sewing and fancy-work are held in the evening by the assistant teachers. The Monday Evening Entertainments continue to be much appreciated, and, in contributing to these entertainments, various kind friends from Lancaster and elsewhere have from time to time lent valuable aid. Of the summer excursions I must specially mention our

second pic-nic to Cockersand Abbey, shared in by a party of about 100, on which occasion the delights of the sea-shore were enjoyed by all, and bathing was indulged in by about twenty of the boys.

Upwards of 60 patients visited their friends during August; and for the most part returned benefited by the change. The following extracts from written testimonies of friends will give an idea of the general tenor of the observations made by those who have had children at home with them:—

1. (From a Clergyman whose son, aged 11, has been 4½ years in the Institution.)

“The improvement, mentally and physically, of my son, especially within the last 12 months, I consider to be quite marvellous and most creditable to all the Officers of the Asylum.”

2. (From a Bradford Mill Operative, whose son, aged 15, has been 4 years in the Institution.)

“We are much pleased with our son since he was elected into the Royal Albert Asylum. We find great improvement in him, both in his habits and speech . . . . All who knew him before he went away, say he has greatly improved.”

3. (From a Yorkshire Agricultural Labourer.)

“J. S. is truly thankful that his son has improved so wonderfully.”

Whilst quoting the above, I do not mean to give the impression that in every case *wonderful* improvement is achieved. The two extracts last quoted are indeed chiefly valuable as showing the appreciation by parents of the amelioration of their children's habits,—a species of improvement as creditable in its degree to the training of the Institution as is the attainment of more conspicuous educational results in more advanced cases. The preliminary difficulties which beset the training of Idiots should indeed never be lost sight of. Victims to what has been aptly termed the “tyranny of organization,” they need, in the first place, to be set free from the spell which practically isolates them from the world around them. Impassive external senses have to be brought into a state of active relation with the inner consciousness before their intellectual faculties can be reached; and when this has been achieved, the simplest facts intuitively grasped by other children, must be treated as matters of methodical instruction for these. Obviously, therefore, progress in the case of Idiots, must be measured by very different standards from those which are applied to children of a normal condition.

As regards the light in which the Institution is held by some of the more intelligent patients, the subjoined extract from a letter written to the Medical Superintendent by a boy at home for three weeks' holiday may be of interest:—

“I shall be very glad to be back again as there is nothing to do at home, and I find it the hardest work to have nothing to do.”

It is doubtless owing to its superior resources in providing varied and suitable spheres of activity for its inmates that the Asylum has the advantage over the most careful home-training; and the awakening of a wholesome spirit of emulation amongst those similarly circumstanced is another important element in its success.

Illustrative cases of improvement are given in the Appendix to this Report, and I would specially request attention to the first case as one in which the most gratifying results have been obtained by patient and persevering care. A word of commendation is justly due to those upon whose loving personal attention so much of the well-being of the patients depends; and it is gratifying to notice proofs of increasing confidence and attachment between the attendants and their respective charges. I ought also to acknowledge the efficiency with which the Matron, (Miss Bryan), has discharged the arduous duties connected with the domestic management of the Asylum.

With renewed thanks to the Committee for unfailing kind support and consideration,

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

*Royal Albert Asylum,  
30th September, 1875.*

#### ILLUSTRATIVE CASES OF IMPROVEMENT, NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

##### BOYS.

A. (273).—Aged 15 years, admitted December 1874. When first seen by the Medical Superintendent, on being brought for admission to the Institution, he was sitting upon the floor of the waiting-room, swearing, kicking, spitting, and endeavouring to overturn all the furniture within his reach; in fact, he had all the appearance of a maniac rather than of a case likely to improve by training. After patient investigation, however, it was ascertained that his excited condition was in part due to the fact that he had not brought with him his *tub*, in which (Diogenes-like) he had for some years past spent all his waking hours. It was explained that this extraordinary arrangement had been adopted for the purpose of limiting his movements, and so keeping him out of mischief. So attached had he grown to life in the tub, that in order to appease him it was necessary to obtain for him one from the Laundry, and installed in this, he soon became reconciled to remaining at the Asylum. Surly and cynical, often indeed offensively violent, at first, he soon showed himself very amenable to firm, yet kindly, discipline; and by slow degrees he was induced to abandon his tub and to attend the Industrial Training Shop, where he is now becoming an expert coir-plaiter. Afterwards he consented to go to school, where he is making fair progress in the elements of reading, writing, &c., of which he was entirely ignorant when admitted. He is, indeed, in manners and disposition, remarkably civilised since he entered the Asylum; and the physical deformity, (contraction of the knees, &c.,) from which he suffered, has been considerably ameliorated. In fact, a new and hopeful career has been opened up to him since his emancipation from the tub.

B (11).—Aged 11 years, admitted Jan. 1871. When admitted, noted to be in external physique, a handsome boy, but a mere infant in mental capacity. Articulation very defective; educational acquirements almost *nil*. Now speaks very fairly and can carry on a rational conversation; can read and write easy words; has a knowledge of the value of figures and coins; and is making steady progress generally at School. This case is encouraging, inasmuch as the early stages of improvement were but slow, but the good effect of persevering training is seen in his present condition.

C. (215).—Aged 15 years, admitted January, 1873. When admitted slightly paralysed on left side, of comparatively fair general intelligence, but of very rudimentary educational acquirements. Is now very stout and robust, has learned to read easy words, to write a letter, to work simple addition, subtraction, and multiplication sums, and to tell the time to a minute. Under supervision, can make waistcoats fairly; and has a remarkable talent for drawing, and for cutting out in cloth forms of animals, &c.

D. (205).—Aged 20 years, admitted November 1873. On admission, noted to be of very defective power in lower limbs so as to require assistance in walking, of feeble health, and melancholy expression. Educational acquirements *nil*. Can now walk and run; and is very pleased to assist the attendant of Probationary Ward in washing up, &c.; is making some little progress at school and in the Industrial Training Shop. Quite cheerful now he can employ himself.

E. (154).—Aged 15 years, admitted October, 1873. When admitted, a pallid, feeble-looking boy, unable to stand, moving about on hands and feet like an ape; no educational attainments whatever. Now much improved in general health, can walk upright with but slight support, and can take a few steps alone. Much improved in general intelligence; can read many words at sight; is making progress in the elements of writing and counting; can distinguish a few coins and weights, and the hours and 5 minutes on the clock.

#### GIRLS.

F. (238).—Aged 14 years, admitted September, 1874. On admission, noted to be a girl of nervous, querulous disposition, unable to make any distinct articulate sound; educational acquirements limited to recognising and forming imperfectly a few letters. Now a healthy, bright-looking girl; able to read and pronounce many easy words and to write neatly in a copy book. She is becoming proficient in most kinds of needle-work, including knitting and wool-work, and is very steady and useful in various forms of domestic occupation.

G. (255).—Aged 13 years, admitted September, 1874. Noted to be a dwarfish girl of morose disposition, partially deaf (in consequence of an old paralytic attack) and unable to speak. No educational or industrial acquirements. Now becoming agreeable and affectionate; can read fairly by pointing to the words; follows correctly the movements of the Kindergarten plays; and is very expert and industrious in needle-work. Is also a willing assistant to the nurses in the care of the little ones.

H. (194).—Aged 14 years, admitted November, 1873. When admitted, had a rudimentary knowledge of reading, writing, and counting, could sew and knit a little, but was so unsteady that but little useful work could be obtained from her. Now improved in reading and writing, and can work simple addition sums; and is much more steady than formerly, taking part in a variety of useful domestic work; and being very expert in sewing, knitting, and crochet.

## RECEIPTS AND

*From June 30th, 1874, to*

|                                    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | GENERAL |    |    |
|------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------|----|----|
| Receipts.                          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | £       | s. | d. |
| To Balance June 30th, 1874         | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 600     | 0  | 0  |
| „ Donations                        | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 7,927   | 0  | 11 |
| „ Legacy under Fifty Guineas       | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 19      | 19 | 0  |
| „ Interest on Deposits             | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 38      | 12 | 9  |
| „ Rent and Farm and Garden Produce | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 583     | 1  | 1  |
| „ Sundries                         | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 98      | 4  | 6  |
| „ Balance due to Secretary         | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 74      | 17 | 0  |
| „ Balance due to Lancaster Bank    | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 11,581  | 13 | 7  |

£20,923 8 10

*Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—October 26th, 1875.*

DAVID DAVIS, Lancaster.

WILLIAM SATTERTHWAITE, Lancaster.

WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

} HONORARY AUDITORS.

## EXPENDITURE.

June 30th, 1875.

## ACCOUNT.

|                                                                                                                  | Expenditure. | £      | s. | d. | £       | s. | d. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------|----|----|---------|----|----|
| By Balance due to Secretary, June 30th, 1874 .. .. .                                                             |              | 22     | 15 | 3  |         |    |    |
| „ Balance due to Lancaster Bank .. .. .                                                                          |              | 10,698 | 9  | 11 |         |    |    |
|                                                                                                                  |              |        |    |    | 10,721  | 5  | 2  |
| „ Expenses of Annual Meeting, Manchester Banquet,<br>Local Committees, &c. . . . .                               |              | 394    | 11 | 2  |         |    |    |
| „ Expenses of Elections, Advertisements, &c. . . . .                                                             |              | 270    | 1  | 6  |         |    |    |
| „ Printing Tenth Annual Report, Pamphlets, and General<br>Printing and Stationery .. . . .                       |              | 117    | 17 | 8  |         |    |    |
| „ General Advertising .. . . .                                                                                   |              | 45     | 2  | 10 |         |    |    |
| „ Salaries, Wages, and Travelling Expenses .. . . .                                                              |              | 759    | 1  | 9  |         |    |    |
| „ Offices (Lancaster and Manchester), Rent, Rates, Gas,<br>Carriage, Telegrams, and Petty Cash Sundries .. . . . |              | 124    | 18 | 1  |         |    |    |
| „ Postage of Reports, Pamphlets, Circulars, Voting Papers,<br>Letters, &c. . . . .                               |              | 63     | 18 | 9  |         |    |    |
| „ Farm Expenses, including Stock, Implements, &c. . . . .                                                        |              | 433    | 7  | 1  |         |    |    |
| „ Laying out Grounds and Garden Expenses .. . . .                                                                |              | 352    | 19 | 11 |         |    |    |
| „ Property Expenses .. . . .                                                                                     |              | 3      | 2  | 8  |         |    |    |
| „ Bank Interest, Commission, &c. . . . .                                                                         |              | 569    | 12 | 7  |         |    |    |
|                                                                                                                  |              |        |    |    | 3,134   | 14 | 0  |
| „ FURNITURE:—                                                                                                    |              |        |    |    |         |    |    |
| General .. . . .                                                                                                 |              | 447    | 4  | 10 |         |    |    |
| Ironmongery .. . . .                                                                                             |              | 63     | 2  | 11 |         |    |    |
| House Linen .. . . .                                                                                             |              | 30     | 2  | 10 |         |    |    |
| Bedding .. . . .                                                                                                 |              | 75     | 2  | 8  |         |    |    |
|                                                                                                                  |              |        |    |    | 615     | 13 | 3  |
| „ BUILDING ACCOUNT:—                                                                                             |              |        |    |    |         |    |    |
| Masonry, &c. . . . .                                                                                             |              | 993    | 11 | 0  |         |    |    |
| Woodwork .. . . .                                                                                                |              | 991    | 10 | 8  |         |    |    |
| Ironwork .. . . .                                                                                                |              | 59     | 2  | 3  |         |    |    |
| Slating .. . . .                                                                                                 |              | 50     | 4  | 4  |         |    |    |
| Plastering .. . . .                                                                                              |              | 64     | 17 | 9  |         |    |    |
| Plumbing and Glazing .. . . .                                                                                    |              | 482    | 3  | 4  |         |    |    |
| Heating Apparatus .. . . .                                                                                       |              | 61     | 0  | 4  |         |    |    |
| Gas Fittings .. . . .                                                                                            |              | 31     | 10 | 0  |         |    |    |
| Laundry and Kitchen Fittings .. . . .                                                                            |              | 1,069  | 18 | 6  |         |    |    |
| Architects' Commission .. . . .                                                                                  |              | 893    | 10 | 0  |         |    |    |
| Clerk of the Works .. . . .                                                                                      |              | 126    | 0  | 0  |         |    |    |
| Sundries, including Road making, Hydraulic Hoist,<br>Workshop Fittings, Railing, Painting, &c., &c. . . . .      |              | 1,023  | 8  | 3  |         |    |    |
|                                                                                                                  |              |        |    |    | 5,851   | 13 | 5  |
| BALANCE:—                                                                                                        |              |        |    |    |         |    |    |
| Freehold Property .. . . .                                                                                       |              |        |    |    | 600     | 0  | 0  |
|                                                                                                                  |              |        |    |    |         |    |    |
|                                                                                                                  |              |        |    |    | £20,923 | 8  | 10 |

RECEIPTS AND  
From June 30th, 1874, to

## MAINTENANCE

| Dr.                                          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | £     |    |    |
|----------------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|----|----|
| To Balance, June 30th, 1874                  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1,875 | 14 | 7  |
| „ Annual Subscriptions for 1874-5            | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2,664 | 11 | 2  |
| „ Payments for Patients                      | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2,661 | 3  | 5  |
| „ Special Payments for Patients..            | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 315   | 0  | 0  |
| „ Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2,096 | 16 | 5  |
| „ Interest on Maintenance Account Deposits.. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 308   | 10 | 10 |
| „ Sundries                                   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9     | 1  | 3  |
| „ Balance due to Secretary                   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 0     | 18 | 7  |

£9,931 16 3

## SUSTENTATION

| Dr.                         |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | £ s. d. |    |   |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|---------|----|---|
| To BALANCE, June 30th, 1874 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 47,030  | 6  | 7 |
| „ Donations                 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 58      | 15 | 0 |
| „ Life Interest Payments    | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 945     | 0  | 0 |

£48,034 1 7

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} AUDITORS.

## EXPENDITURE

June 30th, 1875.

## ACCOUNT.

|                                                     | Cr. | £             | s.        | d.       |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------|-----------|----------|
| By Balance due to Secretary June 30th, 1874 .. .. . |     | 12            | 17        | 0        |
| „ Salaries and Wages .. .. .                        |     | 2,219         | 9         | 2        |
| „ Travelling Expenses .. .. .                       |     | 3             | 10        | 4        |
| „ Provisions .. .. .                                |     | 3,567         | 12        | 3        |
| „ Necessaries—                                      |     |               |           |          |
| Coals .. .. .                                       |     | 740           | 11        | 3        |
| Gas .. .. .                                         |     | 171           | 0         | 2        |
| Water .. .. .                                       |     | 90            | 12        | 0        |
| General .. .. .                                     |     | 234           | 18        | 5        |
| „ Clothing .. .. .                                  |     | 541           | 9         | 6        |
| „ Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c. .. .. .            |     | 29            | 11        | 5        |
| „ Workshop Expenses .. .. .                         |     | 130           | 0         | 2        |
| „ School Materials .. .. .                          |     | 2             | 1         | 8        |
| „ Repairs .. .. .                                   |     | 101           | 13        | 2        |
| „ Crockery .. .. .                                  |     | 27            | 6         | 1        |
| „ Advertising .. .. .                               |     | 4             | 9         | 0        |
| „ Printing and Stationery .. .. .                   |     | 15            | 9         | 6        |
| „ Carriage, Postage and Telegrams .. .. .           |     | 13            | 7         | 1        |
| „ Insurance .. .. .                                 |     | 34            | 9         | 0        |
| „ Sundries .. .. .                                  |     | 46            | 12        | 7        |
| „ Bank Commission, &c. .. .. .                      |     | 9             | 6         | 2        |
| „ Balance at Lancaster Bank .. .. .                 |     | 1,935         | 10        | 4        |
|                                                     |     | <u>£9,931</u> | <u>16</u> | <u>3</u> |

## FUND ACCOUNT.

|                                                          | Cr. | £     | s. | d. | £              | s.       | d.       |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|----|----|----------------|----------|----------|
| By INVESTMENTS:—                                         |     |       |    |    |                |          |          |
| £7,000 East Indian Railway Stock; Interest at 5 per cent |     | 8,007 | 10 | 3  |                |          |          |
| £6,000 Madras Railway Stock; Interest at 5 per cent..    |     | 6,343 | 0  | 0  |                |          |          |
| £6,000 Scinde Delhi Railway Stock; Interest at           |     | 6,250 | 0  | 0  |                |          |          |
| 5 per cent .. .. .                                       |     |       |    |    |                |          |          |
| £1,200 Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway         |     | 1,237 | 8  | 0  |                |          |          |
| Stock; Interest at 5 per cent. .. .. .                   |     |       |    |    |                |          |          |
| £3,225 Lancaster Canal Shares, 86 shares at 37½;         |     | 3,225 | 0  | 0  |                |          |          |
| Interest at 4½ per cent. .. .. .                         |     |       |    |    |                |          |          |
| South Eastern Railway Stock:                             |     |       |    |    |                |          |          |
| £3250 Preference, Interest at 5 per cent .. ..           |     | 6,257 | 16 | 10 |                |          |          |
| £1,850 Preference, „ „ 4½ „ .. ..                        |     |       |    |    |                |          |          |
| £800 Fixed „ „ 4½ „ .. ..                                |     |       |    |    |                |          |          |
| £1,200 (Cockermouth and Workington) London and           |     | 2,703 | 2  | 6  |                |          |          |
| North Western Railway Preference Stock;                  |     |       |    |    |                |          |          |
| Interest at 10 per cent. .. .. .                         |     |       |    |    |                |          |          |
| £1,000 Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire            |     | 1,000 | 0  | 0  |                |          |          |
| Railway Debenture Stock; Interest at 4½ per cent         |     |       |    |    |                |          |          |
| £3,800 Great Western Preference Stock; Interest at       |     | 4,290 | 4  | 0  |                |          |          |
| 5 per cent. .. .. .                                      |     |       |    |    |                |          |          |
| £1,200 North Eastern Preference Stock; Interest at       |     | 1,212 | 10 | 0  |                |          |          |
| 4½ per cent .. .. .                                      |     |       |    |    |                |          |          |
| £845 Furness Preference Stock; Interest at 6 per         |     | 1,133 | 13 | 9  |                |          |          |
| cent. .. .. .                                            |     |       |    |    |                |          |          |
| £2,000 Furness Preference Stock; interest at 4½ per      |     | 2,070 | 12 | 6  |                |          |          |
| cent .. .. .                                             |     |       |    |    |                |          |          |
| Deposit on £1,000 Madras Railway new £20 shares;         |     | 250   | 6  | 2  |                |          |          |
| Interest at 5 per cent .. .. .                           |     |       |    |    |                |          |          |
| £130 London and North Western Railway                    |     | 143   | 0  | 0  |                |          |          |
| Preference Stock; Interest at 5 per cent .. ..           |     |       |    |    |                |          |          |
| Purchase of additional Land (10a. 2r. 34p.) .. ..        |     |       |    |    | 44,124         | 4        | 0        |
| Balance at Lancaster Bank .. .. .                        |     |       |    |    | 1950           | 0        | 0        |
|                                                          |     |       |    |    | 1959           | 17       | 7        |
|                                                          |     |       |    |    | <u>£48,034</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>7</u> |

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

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LANCASTER, OCTOBER 26TH, 1875.

After an audit extending over several days, we have this evening concluded our labours, and have appended the usual certificate to the accompanying statements of General Account, Maintenance Account, and Sustentation Fund Account. We have thoroughly examined every book from which these accounts are abstracted, seen the voucher for each payment, and have also had produced to us the Securities for the different Investments, all of which we have found in due and perfect order. We have pleasure in recording our opinion, that the system of book-keeping pursued, though necessarily of a voluminous character, is at once simple in principle and thoroughly comprehensive.

The total amount of donations promised to the 30th June, was £90,946 3s. 6d., and the amount actually received at that date was £90,461 0s. 8d., so that only the sum of £485 2s. 10d. remained uncollected, a very small proportion to so large a total.

The increase in the sum of the Annual Subscriptions from £2508 15s. 2d. to £3202 2s. 2d., is a gratifying proof of the increasing favour in which the Institution is held, and of the recognition of the benefits which it confers. We hope that the friends of the Asylum will not forget that an increased revenue would enable the Committee to enlarge, to a very considerable extent, the sphere of its usefulness.

We regret to find that the large sum of £11,581 13s. 7d., still standing to the debit of General Account (for Estate, Buildings, &c.), has involved a very heavy payment for interest during the past year; and we trust that the generosity of the public will, before another General Annual Meeting, relieve the funds of the Institution of this burden.

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| DAVID DAVIS,                          | } HONORARY  |
| WM. SATTERTHWAITE,                    |             |
| WILLIAM G. WELCH, Auditor, Lancaster. | } AUDITORS. |

## TABLE OF SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly Reports of the Schoolmaster, Schoolmistress, and Gymnastic Master.

| GRADES.                                                                                                                              | CLASSES OF PATIENTS.  |                             |                       |              | TOTALS. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------|
|                                                                                                                                      | 1.<br>Senior<br>Boys. | 2.<br>Probationary<br>Boys. | 3.<br>Infant<br>Boys. | 4.<br>Girls. |         |
|                                                                                                                                      | 126                   | 13                          | 38                    | 74           | 251     |
| I. SPEECH.                                                                                                                           |                       |                             |                       |              |         |
| 1. Make no attempt .. .. .                                                                                                           | 4                     | 2                           | 4                     | 6            | 16      |
| 2. Make some attempt .. .. .                                                                                                         | 6                     | 8                           | 4                     | 4            | 22      |
| 3. Make a few articulate sounds .. ..                                                                                                | 4                     | 2                           | 4                     | 7            | 17      |
| 4. Speak indistinctly .. .. .                                                                                                        | 31                    | 0                           | 2                     | 5            | 38      |
| 5. Speak fairly .. .. .                                                                                                              | 23                    | 0                           | 10                    | 14           | 47      |
| 6. Speak well .. .. .                                                                                                                | 58                    | 1                           | 14                    | 38           | 111     |
|                                                                                                                                      |                       |                             |                       |              | 251     |
| II. READING.                                                                                                                         |                       |                             |                       |              |         |
| 1. Know no letters or words .. .. .                                                                                                  | 41                    | 11                          | 17                    | 22           | 81      |
| 2. Know a few letters .. .. .                                                                                                        | 37                    | 1                           | 9                     | 9            | 56      |
| 3. Know all the letters .. .. .                                                                                                      | 2                     | 0                           | 3                     | 8            | 13      |
| 4. Know at sight a few words .. .. .                                                                                                 | 20                    | 1                           | 7                     | 17           | 45      |
| 5. Read easy words by spelling them ..                                                                                               | 15                    | 0                           | 2                     | 8            | 25      |
| 6. Read fairly .. .. .                                                                                                               | 11*                   | 0                           | 0                     | 10           | 21      |
|                                                                                                                                      |                       |                             |                       |              | 251     |
| * Seventeen Boys read books alone for their own amusement.                                                                           |                       |                             |                       |              |         |
| III. WRITING.                                                                                                                        |                       |                             |                       |              |         |
| 1. Do nothing but scribble.. .. .                                                                                                    | 34                    | 11                          | 16                    | 19           | 80      |
| 2. Form strokes, &c., on slate .. .. .                                                                                               | 37                    | 2                           | 12                    | 18           | 69      |
| 3. Do. do. in copy book .. .. .                                                                                                      | 17                    | 0                           | 6                     | 11           | 34      |
| 4. Form letters in copy book .. .. .                                                                                                 | 5                     | 0                           | 4                     | 16           | 25      |
| 5. Write easy words in copy book .. ..                                                                                               | 21                    | 0                           | 0                     | 10           | 31      |
| 6. Write fairly .. .. .                                                                                                              | 12*                   | 0                           | 0                     | 0            | 12      |
|                                                                                                                                      |                       |                             |                       |              | 251     |
| * Fifteen Boys write letters home without assistance, and four others with assistance. 86 Letters have been written during the year. |                       |                             |                       |              |         |
| IV. ARITHMETIC.                                                                                                                      |                       |                             |                       |              |         |
| 1. Cannot count at all .. .. .                                                                                                       | 36                    | 11                          | 14                    | 17           | 78      |
| 2. Count a little .. .. .                                                                                                            | 38                    | 0                           | 11                    | 7            | 56      |
| 3. Count up to 20.. .. .                                                                                                             | 11                    | 1                           | 4                     | 17           | 33      |
| 4. Understand value of unit figures..                                                                                                | 20                    | 1                           | 9                     | 12           | 42      |
| 5. Work simple addition sums .. .. .                                                                                                 | 19                    | 0                           | 0                     | 21           | 40      |
| 6. Work easy sums in simple rules .. ..                                                                                              | 2*                    | 0                           | 0                     | 0            | 2       |
|                                                                                                                                      |                       |                             |                       |              | 251     |
| * One Boy works sums in compound interest, vulgar and decimal fractions, &c.; another, in the compound rules.                        |                       |                             |                       |              |         |

| GRADES.                                              | CLASSES OF PATIENTS.                              |                                  |                       |               | TOTALS. |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------|
|                                                      | 1.<br>Senior<br>Boys.                             | 2.<br>Proba-<br>tionary<br>Boys. | 3.<br>Infant<br>Boys. | 4.<br>Girls.  |         |
| V. CLOCK LESSON.                                     | 126                                               | 13                               | 38                    | 74            | 251     |
| 1. Know neither hours nor minutes .. ..              | 50                                                | 13                               | 30                    | 40            | 133     |
| 2. Know some of the hours .. ..                      | 36                                                | 0                                | 8                     | 15            | 59      |
| 3. Know all the hours .. ..                          | 15                                                | 0                                | 0                     | 14            | 29      |
| 4. Know the hours and quarters .. ..                 | 8                                                 | 0                                | 0                     | 5             | 13      |
| 5. Do. do. and 5 minutes .. ..                       | 12                                                | 0                                | 0                     | 0             | 12      |
| 6. Can tell the time to a minute .. ..               | 5                                                 | 0                                | 0                     | 0             | 5       |
| VI. SHOP LESSON.                                     |                                                   |                                  |                       |               | 251     |
| 1. Know no coins nor weights .. ..                   | 37                                                | 11                               | 27                    | 30            | 105     |
| 2. Know a few coins .. ..                            | 20                                                | 2                                | 10                    | 20            | 52      |
| 3. Do. do. and weights .. ..                         | 25                                                | 0                                | 1                     | 12            | 38      |
| 4. Know all the coins and some weights..             | 28                                                | 0                                | 0                     | 6             | 34      |
| 5. Know all the coins and all the weights            | 10                                                | 0                                | 0                     | 6             | 16      |
| 6. Do. do. and calculate fairly ..                   | 6                                                 | 0                                | 0                     | 0             | 6       |
| VII. COLOUR LESSON.                                  |                                                   |                                  |                       |               | 251     |
| 1. Know no colours .. ..                             | 37                                                | 9                                | 15                    | 12            | 73      |
| 2. Know black and white .. ..                        | 14                                                | 2                                | 4                     | 10            | 30      |
| 3. Know one or two simple colours .. ..              | 16                                                | 1                                | 4                     | 12            | 33      |
| 4. Know all the simple colours .. ..                 | 32                                                | 1                                | 7                     | 15            | 55      |
| 5. Do. do. and some compound shades                  | 25                                                | 0                                | 8                     | 9             | 42      |
| 6. Know and can match most compound<br>shades.. ..   | 2                                                 | 0                                | 0                     | 16            | 18      |
| VIII. MUSIC.                                         |                                                   |                                  |                       |               | 251     |
| 1. No interest in musical sounds .. ..               | 1                                                 | 0                                | 1                     | 1             | 3       |
| 2. Attentive to do. do. .. ..                        | 21                                                | 12                               | 18                    | 24            | 75      |
| 3. Sing by ear simple tunes without words            | 33                                                | 1                                | 11                    | 14            | 59      |
| 4. Do. do. with words .. ..                          | 59                                                | 0                                | 8                     | 26            | 93      |
| 5. Rudimentary knowledge of musical<br>symbols .. .. | 12                                                | 0                                | 0                     | 9             | 21      |
| 6. Sing from do. do. .. ..                           | 0                                                 | 0                                | 0                     | 0             | 0       |
| 5 boys and 2 girls play musical<br>instruments.      |                                                   |                                  |                       |               | 251     |
|                                                      | For drill<br>106 more<br>able-<br>bodied<br>Boys. | For drill<br>33 Infirm<br>Boys.  | Infant<br>Boys, 38.   | Girls,<br>74. | 251     |
| IX. DRILL.                                           |                                                   |                                  |                       |               |         |
| 1. Have no idea of drill .. ..                       | 7                                                 | 8                                | 9                     | 10            | 34      |
| 2. Stand at attention when told .. ..                | 9                                                 | 7                                | 8                     | 9             | 33      |
| 3. Perform simple movements of limbs ..              | 16                                                | 6                                | 6                     | 12            | 40      |
| 4. Go through extension movements fairly             | 10                                                | 11                               | 8                     | 10            | 39      |
| 5. Do. do. well and march .. ..                      | 14                                                | 1                                | 3                     | 10            | 28      |
| 6. Do. do. do. to music .. ..                        | 50                                                | 0                                | 4                     | 23            | 77      |
|                                                      |                                                   |                                  |                       |               | 251     |

## TABLE OF INDUSTRIAL OCCUPATIONS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly Returns of the Trade Instructors, Chief Attendant and Head Nurse. It must be understood that the occupations are progressive, in order of difficulty, from 1 to 6.

| OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.                     |   |   |   |   |    | Number employed in each grade,<br>with quality of work. |       |       |                 | Total<br>number<br>em-<br>ployed. |
|------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|---------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Grades of Work.                          |   |   |   |   |    | In-<br>different.                                       | Fair. | Good. | Ex-<br>cellent. |                                   |
| I. TAILORING.                            |   |   |   |   |    |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 1. Preliminary Work .. .. .              | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1  | 9 Tailors.                                              |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 2. Sewing Linings .. .. .                | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1  |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 3. Do. Seams .. .. .                     | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3  |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 4. Felling .. .. .                       | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2  |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 5. Making Garments .. .. .               | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2  |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 6. Machining.. .. .                      | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| II. SHOEMAKING.                          |   |   |   |   |    |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 1. Preliminary Work .. .. .              | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2  | 8 Shoemakers                                            |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 2. Stitching Backs .. .. .               | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 3. Closing Sides .. .. .                 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5  |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 4. Patching and Nailing .. .. .          | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 5. Repairing .. .. .                     | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1  |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 6. Bottoming (making) .. .. .            | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| III. JOINERY.                            |   |   |   |   |    |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 1. Preliminary work (use of tools) .. .. | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 5  | 9 Joiners.                                              |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 2. Making pins, &c. .. .. .              | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2  |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 3. Making frames.. .. .                  | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1  |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 4. Making simple boxes .. .. .           | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 5. D. ve-tailing .. .. .                 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1  |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 6. Morticing .. .. .                     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| IV. GARDENING.                           |   |   |   |   |    |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 1. Preliminary work in weeding-class ..  | 1 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 10 | Weeding Boys<br>8 Gardeners.                            |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 2. Barrow-filling and emptying.. .. .    | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1  |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 3. Digging .. .. .                       | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1  |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 4. Weeding amongst crops.. .. .          | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2  |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 5. Picking peas, fruit, &c. .. .. .      | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3  |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |
| 6. Potato-setting, &c. .. .. .           | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1  |                                                         |       |       |                 |                                   |

| OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.                   |   | Number employed in each grade, and quality of work. |       |       |            | Total number employed          |
|----------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|--------------------------------|
| Grades of Work.                        |   | In-different                                        | Fair. | Good. | Excellent. |                                |
| V. FARMING.                            |   |                                                     |       |       |            |                                |
| 1. Preliminary work—weeding, &c.. ..   | 0 | 1                                                   | 1     | 0     | 2          | 9 Farm Boys.                   |
| 2. Cleaning yards, shippens, &c. .. .. | 0 | 0                                                   | 0     | 0     | 0          |                                |
| 3. Feeding stock .. .. .               | 0 | 0                                                   | 1     | 0     | 1          |                                |
| 4. Weeding amongst crops.. .. .        | 0 | 2                                                   | 2     | 0     | 4          |                                |
| 5. Harvesting                          |   |                                                     |       |       | 0          |                                |
| <i>a</i> Gathering and raking .. .. .  | 0 | 0                                                   | 0     | 0     | 0          |                                |
| <i>b</i> Cutting and binding .. .. .   | 0 | 0                                                   | 0     | 0     | 0          | 2                              |
| 6. Milking, &c. .. .. .                | 0 | 1                                                   | 0     | 1     | 2          |                                |
| VI. INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SHOP.          |   |                                                     |       |       |            |                                |
| 1. Picking Hair, Wool, &c .. .. .      | 5 | 6                                                   | 2     | 1     | 14         | 19 in industrial training shop |
| 2. Plaiting Coir .. .. .               | 0 | 0                                                   | 1     | 1     | 2          |                                |
| 3. Mat-making .. .. .                  | 0 | 1                                                   | 0     | 0     | 1          |                                |
| 4. Brush-filling .. .. .               | 1 | 0                                                   | 1     | 0     | 2          |                                |
| 5. Palliasse and Mattress making .. .. | 0 | 0                                                   | 0     | 0     | 0          |                                |
| 6. Basket-making .. .. .               | 0 | 0                                                   | 0     | 0     | 0          |                                |
| VII. MISCELLANEOUS OCCUPATIONS.        |   |                                                     |       |       |            |                                |
| 1. Shoe-cleaning .. .. .               | 2 | 2                                                   | 5     | 1     | 10         | 18 miscellaneous employed.     |
| 2. Corridor-cleaning .. .. .           | 0 | 2                                                   | 0     | 0     | 2          |                                |
| 3. Laundry-work—mangling, &c., &c. ..  | 0 | 2                                                   | 3     | 0     | 5          |                                |
| 4. Store-work .. .. .                  | 0 | 0                                                   | 1     | 0     | 1          |                                |

Total number of Boys employed in Industrial Occupations . . . . 90.

Several others assist in Dormitory and Day-room arrangements, and in dressing and attending on other Patients.

Six Boys are employed as Messengers to Lancaster.

| OCCUPATIONS OF GIRLS.                   |   | Number employed in each occupation, and quality of work. |       |       |            | Total number employed. |
|-----------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|------------------------|
| Chief kinds of Occupation.              |   | In-different.                                            | Fair. | Good. | Excellent. |                        |
| 1. Preliminary work—dusting, &c. . . .  | 0 | 1                                                        | 0     | 0     | 1          |                        |
| 2. Bed-making . . . . .                 | 2 | 3                                                        | 2     | 0     | 7          |                        |
| 3. Scrubbing and general house work . . | 0 | 3                                                        | 3     | 4     | 10         |                        |
| 4. Washing-up crockery and kitchen work | 0 | 0                                                        | 5     | 0     | 5          |                        |
| 5. Laundry-work . . . . .               | 0 | 1                                                        | 3     | 0     | 4          |                        |
| 6. * Sewing and knitting . . . . .      | 0 | 0                                                        | 5     | 0     | 5          |                        |

\* In school 20 girls are engaged in preliminary work with needle: 10 hem, 14 sew fairly, 5 knit, 12 do wool-work.

Total number of Girls employed in Industrial occupations out of school, 32.

14 other Girls receive special Industrial lessons in school.

## 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., (now Master of the Temple), at the Parish Church, Leeds; Rev. Dr. Atlay (now Bishop of Hereford), Vicar.
- Rev. John Allen, St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. Canon Ashwell (Chichester), Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.
- Rev. R. Atkinson, Cockerham Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. W. C. Bache, Longridge Church, Preston.
- Rev. W. Baitey, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. W. F. Black, M.A., Newchurch Church, Warrington.
- Rev. C. L. Blake, St. Mary's Church, Ellel.
- Rev. Francis Bolton, B.A., High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. J. Brack, Skerton Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. John Chadwick, Tatham Church, Benthams.
- Rev. W. E. Chapman, St. Mary's Church, Sowerby.
- Rev. S. Chapman, Baptist Chapel, Rochdale.
- Rev. A. Christopherson, Caton Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. T. J. Clarke, (Southport), at St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster; Rev. C. Campbell, Vicar.
- Rev. E. Dothie (London), High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. J. Fleming, (London), at the Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. Dr. Bedford Hall, St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.
- Rev. H. Hassard, Stockton-on-the-Forest Church, York.
- Rev. S. Hastings, Rector of Halton, Lancaster; Camp Service of 2nd Adm. Battalion of West Riding Volunteers at Morecambe.
- Rev. H. B. Hawkins, Lytham Church.
- Rev. Thos. Hayes, Bracewell Church, Skipton.
- Rev. T. C. Henley, Kirkby Malham Church, Bell Busk.
- Rev. Thompson Hesk, Wesley Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. W. M. Hitchcock, Whitburn Church, Sunderland.
- Rev. J. Hodgkin, Treales Church, Kirkham.
- Rev. J. Holgate, Baptist Chapel, Salterforth.
- Rev. Canon Hornby, St. Mary's Parish Church, Bury.
- Rev. A. H. Hughes, Holy Trinity Church, Darlington.
- Rev. W. Jackson, Independent Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. J. Kenworthy, Ackworth Church, Pontefract.
- Rev. W. C. Kewish, Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Radcliffe Bridge, Manchester.
- Rev. Thos. Leach, Parish Church, Burton-in-Lonsdale.
- Rev. T. Faulkner Lee, D.D., and the Rev. T. S. Polehampton, at Christ Church, Lancaster.

- Rev. E. C. Maclure, Holy Trinity Church, Habergham Eaves.  
 Rev. E. F. Manby, Morecambe Church.  
 Rev. C. Marsden, Gargrave Church.  
 Rev. J. M. Morgan, Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness.  
 Rev. G. G. Morton, Parish Church, Ulverston.  
 Rev. D. C. Neary, D.D., South Ossett Church, Wakefield.  
 Rev. A. M. Norman, Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.  
 Rev. T. J. Oliver, United Methodist Free Church, Blyth.  
 Rev. John Owen, Unitarian Chapel, Whitby.  
 Rev. Wilson Pedder, Churchtown Church, Garstang.  
 Rev. F. E. Perrin, Whitewell Church, Clitheroe.  
 Rev. G. Pickering, Trinity Church, Ulverston.  
 Rev. Richard Ray, Wesleyan Chapel, Whitby.  
 Rev. J. P. Rigby, Aughton Church, Lancaster.  
 Rev. Canon Robinson, Parish Church, Bolton Abbey.  
 Rev. W. Rose, Petre Street Chapel, Sheffield.  
 Rev. C. T. Royds, Heysham Church, Lancaster.  
 Rev. A. D. Shafto, Brancepeth Church, Durham.  
 Rev. R. N. Sharpe, Hundersfield, Rochdale.  
 Rev. W. Shilleto, Goosnargh Church, Preston.  
 Rev. J. Simpson, (Kirkby Stephen), at the Parish Church, Kirkby Lonsdale ;  
     Rev. Canon Ware, Vicar.  
 Rev. J. G. Smith, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Stanley Street, Sheffield.  
 Rev. H. A. Starkie, Radcliffe Church, Manchester.  
 Rev. Canon Stewart and Rev. John Creesor, St. John Baptist Church,  
     Tue Brook, Liverpool ; Rev. John C. Reade, Vicar.  
 Rev. G. F. Weston, Crosby Ravensworth Church, Penrith.  
 Rev. E. White, Quernmore Church, Lancaster.  
 Rev. A. M. Wilson, Ainstable Church, Penrith.  
 Rev. R. W. Wilson, Sutton Church, Cross Hills.  
 Rev. Thos. Windsor, Congregational Chapel, Skipton.
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## PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1875.

Anonymous, Lancaster, £5 for Toys.  
 Baldwin, Miss, and Mrs. Peebles, Lancaster, £2 for Decoration of Christmas Tree.  
 Baldwin, Mrs., Ulverston, Parcel of Magazines.  
 Bennett, W., Heysham, Peacock and Peahen and Cuttings of Plants.  
 Broadhurst, John, F.R.C.S., Lancaster, Evergreens for Decorations.  
 Bryant, Thomas, F.R.C.S., London, Two small Rocking Horses.  
 Burrow, Mrs., and Miss, Lancaster, Packet of Toys, Dolls, &c.  
 Dale, Mrs. John, Leeds, Large Case of Toys.  
 Dawson, E., Lancaster, Illuminated Text for Waiting Room.  
 Eccles, J. W., Lancaster, Packet of Illustrated Papers.  
 Edmondson, Miss, Lancaster, Packet of Illustrated Papers.  
 Gilchrist, William, Lancaster, Shields of County Arms.  
 Grant, Mrs., Lancaster, Parcel of Toys.  
 Hadwen, Mrs., Lancaster, Toys and Dressed Dolls.  
 Harrison, J. S., F.R.C.S., Lancaster, Volume of Animal World.  
 Heysham, Miss, Carlisle, Life of Dr. Heysham.  
 Holden, Mrs., Lancaster, Knitted Woollen Articles, Dolls, &c.  
 Howitt, Thomas, F.R.C.S., Lancaster, Parcel of Illustrated Papers.  
 Howitt, Miss, Lancaster, Knitted Worsted Balls and Parcel of Periodicals.  
 Ingleby, Mrs., Settle, Parcel of Books, &c.  
 Johnson, C., F.R.C.S., Lancaster, Parcel of Illustrations.  
 Kellet, Mrs., Lancaster, Parcel of Bonbons, Sweetmeats, &c.  
 Kerr & Jubb, Messrs., Halifax, Large Case of India Rubber Toys.  
 Kilner, Mrs., and Simpson, Miss, Lancaster, Various Knitted Articles.  
 Lamport, W. E., Lancaster, Engravings, &c.  
 Paley, Mrs., Lancaster, Parcel of Toys.  
 Paley, The Misses, Lancaster, Parcel of Wool, &c.  
 Preston, Mrs., Ellet Grange, Spruce Fir for Christmas Tree.  
 Rawson, Mrs. F. E., Halifax, Parrot in Cage and Mottoes for Decorations  
 Satterthwaite, Mrs., Lancaster, Parcel of Dolls, Scrap Books, &c.  
 Sherrieff, Mrs., Alfred, Lancaster, Dressed Dolls.  
 Shrigley and Hunt, Messrs., Lancaster, Frame and Glass for Engraving.  
 Stevenson, Mrs., Preston, Hamper of Toys.  
 Welch, The Misses, Springville, Lancaster, Case of Toys and Dressed Dolls.  
 Wilkin, Rev. A., Bootle, £1 for Decoration of Christmas Tree.  
 Wilson, Miss, Emily, Dallam Tower, Milnthorpe, Scrap Book.  
 Wrigley, James, Windermere, 4 Packets of Illustrated Papers.

A Donation of Five Guineas entitles a Subscriber to one Vote for Life, in the election of patients, and an Annual Subscription of a Guinea to two Annual votes. Votes to increase in the same proportion for higher sums.

Collecting Purses may be had on application to the Secretary. Every Five Guineas obtained will entitle the Collector to a Life Vote.

## ALL THE BANKS IN THE NORTHERN COUNTIES RECEIVE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

*Early intimation of money so paid should be sent to the Secretary, (Mr. James Diggens, Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster), in order that the usual official acknowledgment may be made.*

# CENSUS OF IDIOTS AND IMBECILES.

## ENGLAND.

Number of Idiots and Imbeciles returned in the Householders' Schedules at the Census of 1871:—

| MALES. | FEMALES. | TOTAL. |
|--------|----------|--------|
| 14,728 | 14,724   | 29,452 |

*The Seven Northern Counties comprising the Royal Albert Asylum District:—*

|                               | MALES. | FEMALES. | TOTAL. |
|-------------------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| LANCASHIRE .. .. .            | 1683   | 1693     | 3376   |
| YORKSHIRE .. .. .             | 1370   | 1290     | 2660   |
| DURHAM .. .. .                | 212    | 302      | 614    |
| CHESHIRE .. .. .              | 335    | 357      | 692    |
| NORTHUMBERLAND .. .. .        | 246    | 209      | 455    |
| CUMBERLAND .. .. .            | 129    | 87       | 216    |
| WESTMORLAND .. .. .           | 48     | 43       | 91     |
| Total of the District .. .. . | 4123   | 3981     | 8104   |

The returns are, undoubtedly, far below the actual number. It is obvious that, for curious reasons, many persons throughout the country, who unquestionably belong to the class "Idiots and Imbeciles," would not be returned as such in the Householders Schedules; and, as an illustration of the great difficulty of procuring accurate statistics on the subject, it may be mentioned that the Superintendent Registrar of an extensive district ascertained, after careful enquiry, that fully 25 per cent of the Idiots and Imbeciles in his district had not been returned. It may be assumed that the Census Officers of the district secured more than average completeness in their returns, as they received precise and special instructions to see that the Column in the Schedules headed "Imbecile or Idiot" was filled up in all proper cases.

The number of Idiots and Imbeciles of 5 years of age and under 20 returned in the Seven Northern Counties was 2018. Probably a great many at the early period of life would not be entered in the Schedules, owing to the natural disinclination of parents to conclude that their children are so far mentally afflicted as to render it necessary to return them as Idiots or Imbeciles.

The following is the Ratio of returned Idiots and Imbeciles to the entire population in the several places named.

| Name.               | Population. | Idiots and Imbeciles. | Persons to One Idiot or Imbecile. | Idiots and Imbecile per 20,000 persons. |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| ENGLAND .. .. .     | 22,712,266  | 29,452                | 771                               | 25.9                                    |
| THE SEVEN COUNTIES  | 7,198,847   | 8,104                 | 888                               | 22.5                                    |
| LANCASHIRE .. .. .  | 2,849,259   | 3,376                 | 844                               | 23.7                                    |
| YORKSHIRE .. .. .   | 2,295,569   | 2,660                 | 900                               | 22.2                                    |
| DURHAM .. .. .      | 742,205     | 614                   | 1209                              | 16.5                                    |
| CHESHIRE .. .. .    | 539,785     | 692                   | 780                               | 25.6                                    |
| NORTHUMBERLAND.     | 386,646     | 455                   | 850                               | 23.5                                    |
| CUMBERLAND .. .. .  | 220,253     | 216                   | 1019                              | 19.6                                    |
| WESTMORLAND .. .. . | 65,130      | 91                    | 715                               | 27.9                                    |

NOTE.—The Counties are Registration Counties, which differ slightly from the Geographical Counties. Twenty two of the cases returned in Lancashire were removed to the Royal Albert Asylum from other Counties in the District.

# SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DISTRICTS

WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD

|                                                 | Donations. |    |    | Annual Subscriptions. |    |    |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|----|----|-----------------------|----|----|
|                                                 | £          | s. | d. | £                     | s. | d. |
| LANCASTER (1) .. .. .                           | 11715      | 3  | 11 | 231                   | 10 | 0  |
| MANCHESTER (2) .. .. .                          | 8182       | 9  | 6  | 128                   | 0  | 0  |
| LIVERPOOL .. .. .                               | 7452       | 10 | 9  | 126                   | 7  | 0  |
| BRADFORD (3) .. .. .                            | 7015       | 15 | 0  | 226                   | 5  | 6  |
| ROCHDALE (4) .. .. .                            | 3766       | 18 | 0  | 216                   | 1  | 0  |
| LEEDS (5) .. .. .                               | 3318       | 6  | 8  | 131                   | 4  | 6  |
| PRESTON (6) .. .. .                             | 2868       | 5  | 5  | 60                    | 18 | 0  |
| HALIFAX (7) .. .. .                             | 2817       | 11 | 11 | 225                   | 16 | 0  |
| CUMBERLAND (CARLISLE &c.) (8) .. .. .           | 2540       | 16 | 0  | 134                   | 8  | 0  |
| CHESHIRE (CHESTER, STOCKPORT, &c.) .. .. .      | 2271       | 6  | 10 | 94                    | 16 | 0  |
| KENDAL (9) .. .. .                              | 2175       | 4  | 0  | 57                    | 3  | 0  |
| NORTH LONSDALE (ULVERSTON, BARROW, &c.) .. .. . | 1778       | 18 | 4  | 48                    | 6  | 0  |
| SKIPTON .. .. .                                 | 1096       | 9  | 0  | 48                    | 0  | 0  |
| YORK .. .. .                                    | 1042       | 1  | 6  | 24                    | 8  | 6  |
| SETTLE .. .. .                                  | 1034       | 2  | 7  | 23                    | 12 | 6  |
| DURHAM .. .. .                                  | 973        | 17 | 9  | 193                   | 15 | 0  |
| WAKEFIELD (10) .. .. .                          | 929        | 10 | 7  | 16                    | 3  | 6  |
| BOLTON .. .. .                                  | 876        | 16 | 0  | 45                    | 13 | 6  |
| SHEFFIELD .. .. .                               | 871        | 1  | 0  | 118                   | 3  | 6  |
| HUDDERSFIELD .. .. .                            | 808        | 12 | 0  | 58                    | 18 | 0  |
| BURNLEY .. .. .                                 | 756        | 10 | 0  | 14                    | 3  | 6  |
| WARRINGTON .. .. .                              | 755        | 17 | 6  | 31                    | 10 | 0  |
| KEIGHLEY .. .. .                                | 701        | 11 | 0  | 5                     | 0  | 0  |
| NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE .. .. .                       | 650        | 15 | 6  | 39                    | 2  | 6  |
| KIRKBY LONSDALE .. .. .                         | 628        | 11 | 0  | 5                     | 15 | 6  |
| DARLINGTON .. .. .                              | 619        | 8  | 6  | 71                    | 5  | 0  |
| OLDHAM .. .. .                                  | 563        | 9  | 0  | 25                    | 4  | 0  |
| ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE .. .. .                       | 529        | 17 | 0  | 12                    | 12 | 0  |
| SOUTHPORT .. .. .                               | 525        | 2  | 4  | 41                    | 4  | 0  |
| WIGAN .. .. .                                   | 425        | 9  | 0  | 53                    | 11 | 0  |
| SUNDERLAND .. .. .                              | 285        | 11 | 0  | 49                    | 5  | 6  |
| SCARBOROUGH .. .. .                             | 280        | 19 | 0  | 10                    | 18 | 6  |
| ST. HELENS .. .. .                              | 242        | 17 | 0  | 40                    | 8  | 6  |
| SELBY .. .. .                                   | 241        | 6  | 0  | 0                     | 10 | 6  |
| HULL .. .. .                                    | 203        | 13 | 0  | 3                     | 3  | 0  |
| WHITBY .. .. .                                  | 194        | 17 | 9  | 4                     | 4  | 0  |
| ROTHERHAM .. .. .                               | 184        | 2  | 6  | 24                    | 11 | 6  |
| HARTLEPOOL .. .. .                              | 122        | 9  | 0  | 41                    | 4  | 2  |
| DONCASTER .. .. .                               | 116        | 6  | 6  | 10                    | 8  | 0  |
| MIDDLESBROUGH .. .. .                           | 63         | 0  | 0  | 8                     | 18 | 6  |
| WEST HARTLEPOOL .. .. .                         | 55         | 7  | 6  | 26                    | 8  | 0  |
| SOUTH SHIELDS .. .. .                           | 54         | 1  | 6  | 48                    | 17 | 6  |
| BERWICK-UPON-TWEED .. .. .                      | 45         | 16 | 6  | 7                     | 15 | 6  |
| STOCKTON-ON-TEES .. .. .                        | 36         | 15 | 0  | 8                     | 0  | 0  |

June 30th, 1875.

JAMES DIGGENS,

GENERAL SECRETARY.

- (1) The Lancaster donations include £2050 from the late Mr. James Brunton; and £1000 from the Lancaster Banking Company.
- (2) The Manchester donations include £1105 from the late John Fernley, Esq.; £1000 from the late Robert Barnes, Esq.; and £1,000 from William Atkinson, Esq.
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