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belonging to Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland,
Cumberland, Durham & Northumberland : fifth annual report.**

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OF THE

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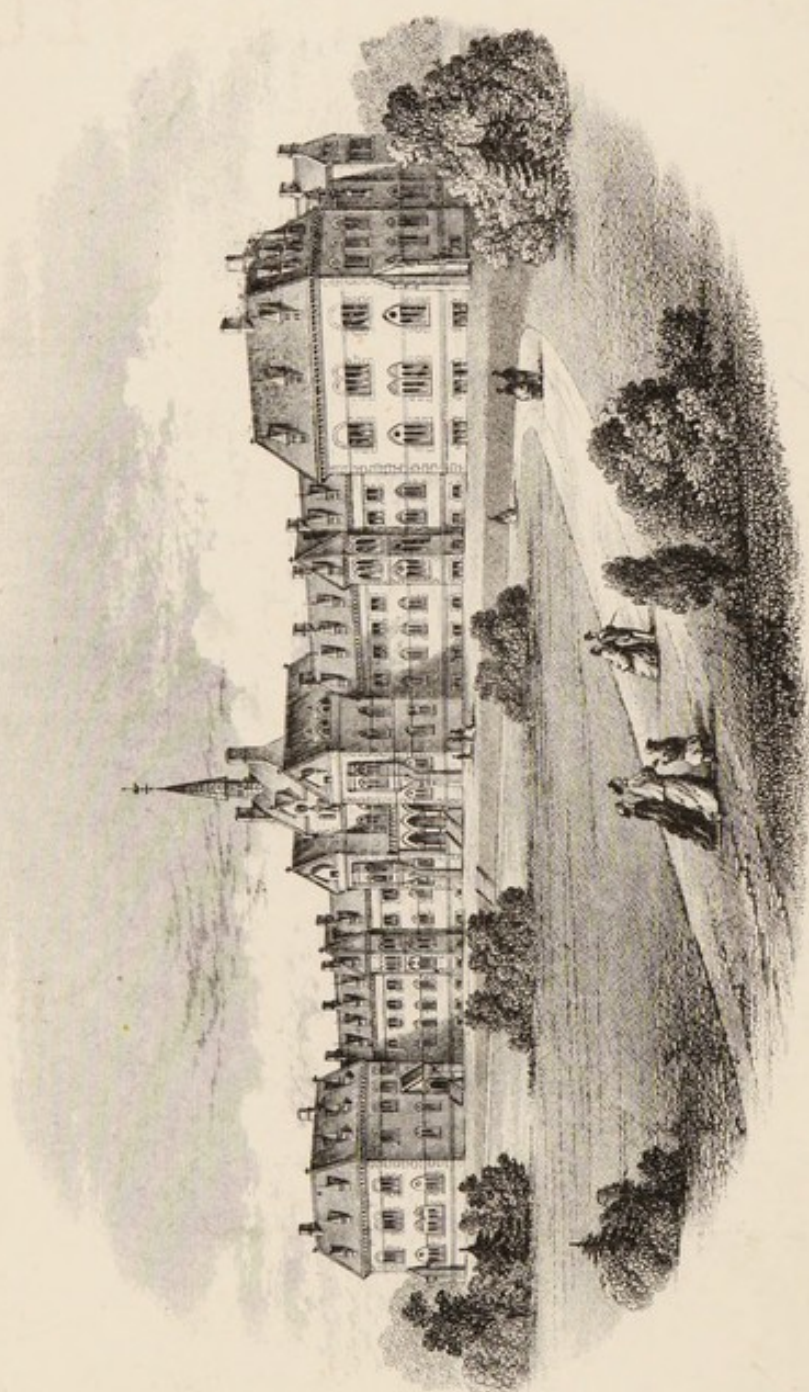
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GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING AT DURHAM.

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The General Annual Meeting of the Subscribers to the Royal Albert Asylum, was held in the Town Hall, Durham, on Wednesday, September 29th, 1869,

THE VENERABLE ARCHDEACON BLAND,

CHAIRMAN OF THE DURHAM LOCAL COMMITTEE, PRESIDING.

The Chairman, having opened the proceedings with prayer, addressed the Meeting, after which the Secretary, Mr. James Diggins, read the Report of the Central Committee, including the Balance Sheet and the Report of the Auditors.

The following Resolutions were unanimously passed :—

- 1.—That this Meeting approves and adopts the Report now presented ; and rejoices at the liberal support which the Royal Albert Asylum has obtained from all sections of the community, and trusts that the earnest efforts of the Central Committee to make provision for the necessities of a most afflicted class will continue to receive from the County of Durham the most cordial appreciation and encouragement.

Moved by the Very Rev. the Dean of Durham ; seconded by Dr. E. Denis de Vitre, Chairman of the Central Committee.

- 2.—That, in compliance with Rule 25, the following Gentlemen (who are Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster) be appointed Members of the Central Committee :—

Dr. E. DENIS DE VITRE.

B. P. GREGSON, Esq.

Rev. C. TWEMLOW ROYDS.

Rev. DAVID DAVIS.

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CAPTAIN THORNHILL.

Moved by the Ven. Archdeacon Prest ; seconded by the Rev. Professor Chevallier.

- 3.—That this Meeting expresses its obligations to those Gentlemen who have hitherto formed the Durham Local Committee, and appoints 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 :—[For names see List of Local Committees.]

Moved by F. D. Johnson, Esq. ; seconded by the Rev. H. J. Richmond.

- 4.—That the cordial thanks of the Subscribers be given to the Honorary Auditors for the past year (Messrs. Rees, White, and Co., Public Accountants, Manchester, J. S. Burrell, Esq., and William Satterthwaite, Esq., Lancaster), for their efficient investigation of the Accounts of the Asylum ; and this Meeting, in accordance with Rule 34, hereby appoints Messrs. Rees, White, and Co., and William Satterthwaite, Esq., together with E. B. Dawson, Esq., of Lancaster, to act as Honorary Auditors for the ensuing year.

Moved by the Rev. J. Barmby, Principal of Bishop Hatfield's Hall ; seconded by the Rev. D. Davis, of Lancaster.

- 5.—That, circumstances permitting, the next General Annual Meeting of the friends and supporters of this Institution be held at Bradford, on Wednesday, September 28th, 1870, and that notice thereof be given in the Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, York, Lancaster, Manchester, Liverpool, Newcastle, and Durham newspapers.

Moved by the Mayor of Durham ; seconded by Dr. Stoker.

- 6.—That this Meeting gratefully acknowledges the warm interest in the Royal Albert Asylum evinced by the Venerable Archdeacon Bland, and recognises the courtesy and ability with which he has presided to-day.

Moved by the Rev. E. H. Shipperdson ; seconded by Dr. E. Denis de Vitre ; and supported by the Rev. C. Twemlow Royds.

REPORT

*Adopted by the Subscribers, at the Annual Meeting, held at Durham,
September 29th, 1869,*

THE VENERABLE ARCHDEACON BLAND IN THE CHAIR.

The Central Committee, in presenting the report for the past year, have great pleasure in directing attention to the annexed abstract of accounts, as affording the strongest proof of the generosity of the public, and of the earnest favour in which the charity is held. There can be no doubt that the public mind in the Northern Counties has been favourably impressed by the means taken to diffuse information on the subject of Idiocy generally, and that the necessity for the good work is becoming a settled conviction with all classes.

Public meetings have been held during the year, with gratifying results, at:—

Newcastle, under the presidency of His Grace the Duke of Northumberland.		
West Hartlepool,	„ „	Ralph Ward Jackson, Esq., M.P.
Hartlepool,	„ „	William Gray, Esq.
Darlington,	„ „	The Mayor.
Middlesbrough,	„ „	The Mayor.
South Shields,	„ „	J. C. Stevenson, Esq., M.P.
Sunderland,	„ „	The Mayor, in the absence of the Earl of Durham from indisposition.
Stockton,	„ „	The Mayor.
Berwick-upon-Tweed	„ „	The Mayor.
Ulverston	„ „	His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, K. G., and Robert Hannay, Esq.

The Committee would also express their obligations to the following Clergy and Ministers for Collections on behalf of the Asylum in their respective places of worship:—Rev. C. T. Royds, Heysham Church, Lancaster; Friends at the Inghamite Chapel,

Salterforth ; Rev. J. Holgate, Baptist Chapel, Salterforth ; Rev. Charles Marsden, Gargrave Church ; Rev. Thomas Hayes, Bracewell Church ; and Rev. G. G. Morton, Ulverston Parish Church. An earnest appeal for similar aid is now being made to the Clergy and Ministers in all the districts in which public meetings have been held, as a valuable means of leading the people to a just sense of their Christian duties towards this class of their suffering fellow-creatures.

The Committee regret that it has been found impracticable to open a portion of the building this year, as they at one time fully anticipated. The Architect, however, gives his assurance that the Asylum will be ready to be opened by the end of next summer. The delay is in some measure attributable to the Committee deeming it more politic to complete the whole of the right wing before attempting to utilise the central portion, and some delay has also arisen from the disturbed state of the building trade, and from other impediments common in large contracts of this description. It is expected that the whole of the building now in progress will be roofed in this year. The dormitories, class rooms, and kitchens, will soon be ready for internal fitting and furnishing. Preparations for the supply of water are nearly completed, and gas pipes are laid throughout the building.

It is most encouraging to find the necessity for a Sustentation Fund so fully appreciated. In a great commercial centre fluctuations in trade must necessarily arise, and without some independent means it would be scarcely prudent solely to rely upon annual subscriptions for the support of the Asylum. During the past year Legacies have been announced from the executors of John Bairstow, Esq., Preston, £5,000 ; from the executors of the Very Rev. G. Waddington, D.D., Dean of Durham, £5,000 ; and from the executors of T. Dewhurst, Esq., Lancaster, £50 ; as also £1,050 for life presentations from the Misses Cort, Kirkby, near Liverpool, all of which, according to Rule, 36, must be invested, and will, with the legacies already reported, form a substantial nucleus for a Sustentation Fund. Vigorous efforts are now being made to obtain annual subscriptions in anticipation of the opening of the Asylum next year, and it is gratifying to report that the appeals meet with a favourable response.

Financially, there is abundant cause for thankfulness and encouragement. Of the £46,478 3s. 8d. promised to the building fund, £45,324 8s. 6d. have been collected, leaving a small balance which will doubtless be paid at the earliest convenience of the subscribers.

It is well to direct attention to the contributions of the Misses Cort

for two life presentations—a class of subscriptions which it is hoped many benevolent persons may be disposed to adopt.

The Committee gratefully record their high sense of the princely donation of £5,000 given by Sir Titus Salt, Bart., without any special solicitation on their part, and in addition to a liberal donation contributed at the commencement of this good work.

Among the many agencies promoting this movement, the exertions of the Working Men are to be looked upon with peculiar favour, as affording the best evidence of their deep sympathy in a charity intended chiefly for the benefit of their own class. In addition to similar contributions already recorded, it is encouraging to report that the Lancaster Working Men's Auxiliary Committee have collected £165, and have determined to continue their operations for the collection of small annual subscriptions. Then the Halifax District of Oddfellows have contributed £21, the Halifax Flour Society, £10 10s. and the Lancaster, Court Duke of Lancaster of the Ancient Order of Foresters, £5 5s. Are not such gifts truly "Alms in blossom?" Miss Dora Greenwell reports a still more touching instance of benevolence in a poor cripple, who, regardless of her own sufferings, has a heart to feel for others. She says,— "A poor girl, a continual invalid, quite helpless and bedridden from paralysis, whose mother is a lunatic, and who has a brother an idiot, has begun to take a warm interest in the Royal Albert Asylum, and to sell things and collect for it."

The Central Committee and Subscribers are deeply indebted to those ladies and gentlemen who have exercised their literary talents on behalf of the Asylum. Foremost amongst these is Miss Dora Greenwell, the accomplished authoress, whose zeal in the good cause is unabated. Her able contribution to the *North British Review*, "On the Education of the Imbecile," has been reprinted by her kind permission for the benefit of the Asylum. The charming little story entitled "Benjie of Millden," was written expressly for the Royal Albert Asylum by the authoress of "Bygone Days in Our Village." Mr. J. C. Parkinson, of the *Daily News*, placed at the service of the Committee a graphic description of his visit to Earlswood, which ably illustrates the objects and working of such institutions; and Dr. Kitching's essay, "On the Results of Idiot Training," possesses additional value as the production of a man of great practical experience. These, in addition to the "Wow O'Rivven," by Dr. George MacDonald, "A Poor Boy," by the Countess de Gasparin," translated and edited by Miss D. Greenwell, and "Harmless Johnny," by the late Mrs. Southey, form a series of publications which the Central

Committee have issued for the purpose of creating sympathy for the poor imbecile. The large circulation these works have obtained has already resulted in much direct benefit to the funds of the charity, besides the permanent effect of their intrinsic information on the public mind. The efforts of the Committee to extend the circulation have been most kindly supported by Miss F. M. Williams, of York, who is devotedly interested in the Asylum, and zealously promotes its claims.

The expenses of organising and holding public meetings in distant towns are necessarily considerable, but are materially diminished by members of the Committee resident in the respective localities forming part of the deputation. Dr. Kitching, of York, the Rev. A. R. Ashwell, M.A., of the Training College, Durham, Dr. Charlton, of Newcastle, the Rev. Dr. Hall, of Halifax, Captain Monks, of Durham, and others, have kindly given their able assistance in this way during the past year.

The Committee bear cheerful testimony to the valuable aid rendered to the charity by Messrs. Sharp and Son, Honorary Solicitors. They also fully recognise the efficient services of the Honorary Secretaries and other members of Local Committees, to all of whom they are under great obligations.

It is with much pleasure reference is again made to the powerful advocacy of this movement by the Public Press generally, metropolitan as well as provincial. Such advocacy is a cogent proof that the press of this country is ever ready to aid and support philanthropic efforts when the public good only is sought.

To Messrs. Sutton and Sons, of the Royal Berkshire Seed Establishment, Reading, the Committee are much indebted for a gift of grass seed of the value of £20. This is a purely benevolent and disinterested act on their part, and it is to be hoped that such a good example will not be lost in the future progress of the Asylum.

Preparations are being made to hold public meetings in Cumberland and Cheshire, the only two counties remaining to be visited, and steps will be taken to effect this as early as practicable, it being most desirable that each county should have an opportunity of securing a proportionate interest in the charity before patients are admitted.

Applications for admission are numerous and urgent, and, although they cannot be entertained at present, they serve the purpose of stimulating the Committee to renewed exertions.

Arrangements for opening the building will shortly have to engage the attention of the Committee, and when finally settled, the subscribers and the public will be duly informed.

In the unparalleled success which has hitherto attended their arduous labours, the Central Committee would most devoutly and thankfully recognise the guidance and blessing of Almighty God; and thus directed and encouraged, they confidently anticipate the happy consummation of their benevolent enterprise.

EDWARD DENIS DE VITRÉ,

CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

26, KING STREET, MANCHESTER,
28th AUGUST, 1869.

We have the pleasure to report to the Subscribers of the Royal Albert Asylum, that we have completed a most satisfactory examination of the Books of Account and Vouchers of that institution. We have also inspected the Title Deeds of the estate and the Securities of the different investments.

The system of bookkeeping seems to us most simple, and to afford all the information needful, and has been efficiently carried out.

The donations appear to have been collected very closely, there being now only a sum of £1,153 15s. 2d. due out of a total promised of £46,478 3s. 8d., a result upon which we think the Subscribers are to be congratulated.

REES, WHITE & Co., Public Accountants,
HONORARY AUDITORS.

RECEIPTS AND

From September 12th, 1868, to

GENERAL

Receipts.												£	s.	d.
To Balance, September 12th, 1868	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23,851	10	2
„ Donations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,134	15	9
„ Annual Subscriptions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	245	17	6
„ Life Subscriptions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	0	0
„ Life Presentation Payments	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,050	0	0
„ Legacies	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6,000	0	0
„ Interest upon Investments and Deposits	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	959	19	2
„ Profit on Transfer of Madras Stock to Sustentation Fund	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	109	7	7
„ Rent	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	177	10	7
„ Sale of Land (2a. Or. 6p.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	316	5	1
„ Sale of Publications	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	12	3
„ Sundries	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0	10	0

£37,902 8 1

EXPENDITURE

July 31st, 1869.

ACCOUNT.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Secretary, September 12th, 1868				6	5	6
„ Expenses of Public Meetings at Skipton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, West Hartlepool, Hartlepool, Darlington, Middlesbrough, South Shields, Sunderland, Stockton-upon-Tees, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Annual Meeting at Liverpool, and of Local Committees	191	8	11			
„ Printing and Stationery	150	19	4			
„ Publications	69	4	11			
„ General Advertising	4	9	3			
„ Salaries, Wages, and Travelling Expenses	469	1	11			
„ Postage	58	7	10			
„ OFFICE EXPENSES:—						
Rent, Rates, Fuel, and Gas	23	0	5			
Carriage, and Petty Cash Sundries	21	18	5			
„ Farm Expenses	82	9	6			
„ Arrears of Foundation Stone Expenses	8	18	9			
„ General Sundries	14	18	7			
				1,094	17	10
„ BUILDING ACCOUNT:—						
Masonry	4,800	0	0			
Woodwork	2,000	0	0			
Slating, &c... .. .	308	9	4			
Plastering	180	0	0			
Plumbing and Glazing	600	0	0			
Instalment of Architect's Commission	500	0	0			
Salary of Clerk of the Works	141	0	0			
Insurance of Building	10	6	3			
				8,539	15	7
„ Transfer of Legacies, Life Presentation Payments, and Life Subscriptions, to Sustentation Fund	4,356	10	0			
„ Transfer of part of Legacy to the Sustentation Fund ..	3,225	0	0			
				7,581	10	0
„ BALANCE:—						
Cash at Lancaster Bank	5,697	14	2			
Cash with Secretary	23	4	7			
„ INVESTMENTS:—						
£6,000 Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway Stock Interest at 5 per cent.	6,250	4	2			
£5,000 Scinde Delhi Railway Stock „ „	5,125	8	9			
£1,910 Madras Railway Stock „ „	1,983	7	6			
£500 East Indian Railway Debenture Bond „ „	500	0	0			
£500 North Eastern Railway Preference Stock „ 4½ „	500	0	0			
£600 Mortgage „ 5 „	600	0	0			
				20,679	19	2
				£37,902	8	1

SUSTENTATION

Dr.

To General Account—LEGACIES:—

Miss Irlam, Liverpool	500	0	0
John Bairstow, Preston	5,000	0	0
Miss Tatham, Lancaster	1,000	0	0
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		6,500	0 0

,, LIFE PRESENTATION PAYMENTS:—

Miss Mary Cort, Liverpool	525	0	0
Miss Eliza Alice Cort, Liverpool	525	0	0
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		1,050	0 0

,, Life Subscriptions 31 10 0

£7,581 10 0

Summary of Accounts from the Commencement,

Dr.

To Receipts from all sources, including £316 5s. 1d. from Sale of

Surplus Land, as above 58,975 16 5½

£58,975 16 5½

Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—25th of August, 1869.

REES, WHITE, & Co., Public Accountants, Manchester,	}	HONORARY AUDITORS.
JOHN S. BURRELL, Lancaster,		
WILLIAM SATTERTHWAITE, Lancaster,		

FUND ACCOUNT.

Cr.

By INVESTMENTS :—

£4,090 Madras Railway Stock ; Interest at 5 per cent.	4,356	10	0
86 Lancaster Canal Shares at 37½ ; Interest at 4½ per cent... . .	3,225	0	0

£7,581 10 0

December 21st, 1864, to July 31st, 1869.

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By Building	15,755	11	3
„ Land, original cost (for Sales see contra)	9,979	12	1
„ Railway Stock	14,359	0	5
„ Mortgage	600	0	0
„ Cash Balance at Lancaster Bank	5,697	14	2
„ Cash with Secretary	23	4	7
	<hr/>	46,415	2 6
„ Sustentation Fund Investments		7,581	10 0
„ Expenses as per General Account		4,979	3 11½
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		£58,975	16 5½

Total amount received to July 31st, 1869	58,975	16	5½
Donations unpaid at the same date	1,153	15	2
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	£60,129	11	7½

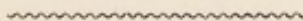
FORM OF BEQUEST.

I BEQUEATH TO THE TREASURER, for the time being, of THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS AND IMBECILES, situate at Lancaster, the sum of _____ to be applied to the purposes of that Institution; such Legacy to be paid, in precedence of the other pecuniary Legacies hereby bequeathed, out of such part of my personal Estate, not specifically bequeathed, as the law permits to be appropriated by Will to charitable purposes.

LEGACIES.

	£	s.	d.
John Bairstow, Esq., Preston	5000	0	0
The Very Rev. Geo. Waddington, D.D., Dean of Durham ..	5000	0	0
Miss Tatham, Lancaster	1000	0	0
Miss Irlam, Liverpool	500	0	0
Mrs. Burton, Roundhay, Leeds	500	0	0
Thomas Dewhurst, Esq., Lancaster	50	0	0
David Moore, Esq., Lancaster	25	0	0
John Jacobson, Esq., Lancaster	19	19	0
Thomas Woods, Esq., Lancaster	19	19	0
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	£12,114	18	0
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For every Donation of Five Guineas, Subscribers will be entitled to a Life Vote at the election of patients for their respective Counties, and to an Annual Vote for every Annual Subscription of Half-a-Guinea.



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