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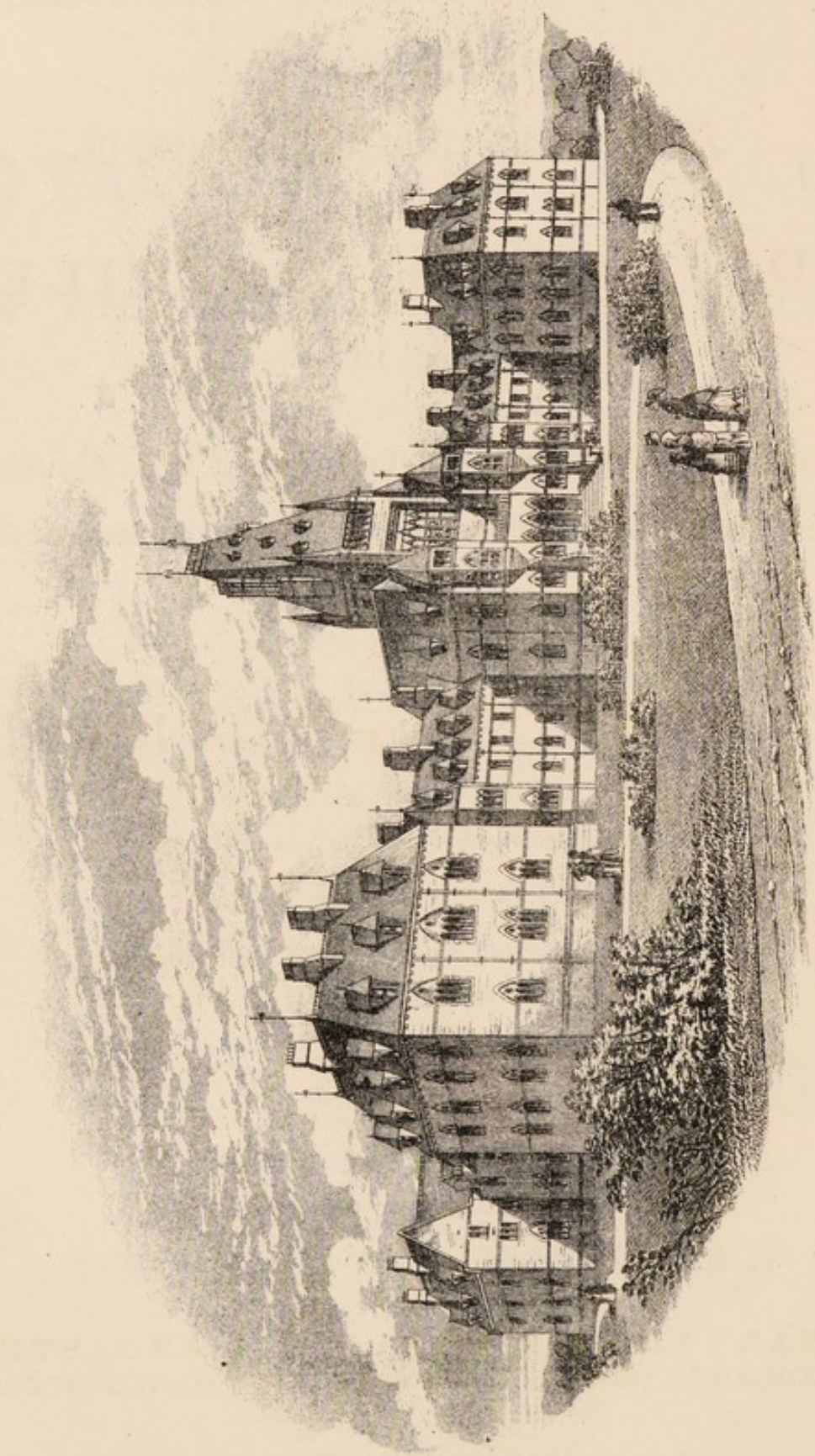
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FOR THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF

IDIOTS AND IMBECILES

BELONGING TO

LANCASHIRE, YORKSHIRE, CHESHIRE, WESTMORLAND,
CUMBERLAND, DURHAM, AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

'God help the Imbecile! more dark their lot
Than dumb, or deaf, the cripple, or the blind :
The closed soul-vision theirs, the blighted mind ;
Babes though full-grown ; the page of life a blot.

' Yet say, shall their affliction be abhorred ?
Their need o'erlooked ? shall Charity pass by,
Leave them to perish with averted eye ?
Forbid, the love that burns to serve her Lord !'

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NOVEMBER, 1881.

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The following table shows the number of idiots and imbeciles in the Royal Albert Asylum, during the year ending 31st December 1881.

Year	Number of Idiots	Number of Imbeciles	Total
1881	100	100	200

ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, LANCASTER.
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NOVEMBER, 1881.

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PROSPECTUS.

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM has been established for the care, education, and training of Idiots and Imbeciles of all classes belonging to the Seven Northern Counties, viz:—Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham, and Northumberland. The number of Idiots and Imbeciles in England and Wales, returned at the last Census (1871), is 29,452. Of these, 8,104 belong to the Seven Counties, 2,018 being between Five years of age and Twenty. But accurate statistics as to the prevalence of idiocy or imbecility are difficult to obtain, and there is no doubt that the foregoing returns are considerably below the actual number, owing to the general ignorance on the subject, and the natural desire in families to conceal the existence of the malady.

Idiocy being generally accompanied by an abnormal or imperfectly developed physical organization, which retards the growth of the intellectual and moral powers, Idiots require a distinctive treatment in separate institutions, where the resources of the skilful physician can be best employed for the modification or correction of those defects which obscure the mind. The Commissioners in Lunacy, and the medical profession generally, condemn the association of Idiots with Lunatics, as in all respects very objectionable and mutually injurious. In their Report for 1865, the Commissioners observe: “It has long been our opinion, as the result of extended experience and observation, that the association of Idiot children with Lunatics is very objectionable and injurious to them, and upon our visits to County Asylums we have frequently suggested arrangements for their separate treatment and instruction. It is always to us a painful thing to see Idiot children, whose mental faculties and physical powers and habits are capable of much development and improvement, wandering, without object or special care, about the wards of a Lunatic Asylum. The benefits to be derived, even in idiot cases apparently hopeless, from a distinctive system, and from persevering endeavours to develop the dormant powers, physical and intellectual, are now so fully established that any argument upon the subject would be superfluous.” Again, in their Report for 1874 the Commissioners state: “We should be glad to see the noble example of the Northern Counties in this direction followed in other parts of the kingdom, since Idiots form a large proportion of the mentally afflicted, and require peculiar treatment, distinct from that applicable to the Insane.” Referring to the ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, the *Lancet* (June 20th, 1868) says:—“We hail the establishment of this Asylum as another proof of the more scientific therapeutics to which the insane are now subjected. Till within the last few years the Idiot or the Imbecile child was invariably accommodated, not only in the same building, but in the same ward, with the victims to dementia, melancholia, or chronic mania. The effects of this indiscriminate classification and treatment were most pernicious. The young Idiot or Imbecile, at the impressible and plastic period of his life, suffered from daily and nightly contact with those confirmed or aggravated cases of lunacy, and the only opportunity available for his rescue was then allowed to slip, until his case also became aggravated or confirmed. The benefits of the new system have been signally satisfactory.”

That much may be done to render the poor Idiot's life more tolerable to himself and less burdensome to his friends, has been abundantly demonstrated by the success of existing asylums. Dr. Langdon Down, speaking from his long experience as the Superintendent of the largest Idiot Asylum in this country, calculates that of the cases admitted into that Institution, “10 per cent. become self-supporting; 40 per cent. become so far improved as to cease to use up a sane life in their care, and become contributors to the common stock; and the remainder, all but 6 per cent., are invariably improved in

their habits, and become greatly lessened burdens on their families and society." Dr. Duncan, F.R.S., and Mr. Millard, in their work on the "Classification, Training, and Education of Idiots," thus describe the success of specific treatment:—"Weak physical powers have been strengthened, uncleanly habits have been cured, the spiteful and irritable have become calm, the dependent self-depending; the idle have been rendered useful, the untutored have learned to read, write, count, and draw; the ability to earn much towards their own livelihood has been acquired by some, while in a few instances the capacity for earning sufficient for a maintenance and laying it out for themselves has been gained; and the moral and religious feelings have been aroused and fostered, so that excellent characters have been produced, and deeds of simple kindness have been performed by those who were once selfish, sensual, and depraved." The late Dr. Seguin, the distinguished French physician, who may be regarded as the pioneer in this noble work, says, after thirty years' practical experience in the education and training of Idiots:—"Idiots have been improved, educated, and even cured; not one in a thousand has been entirely refractory to treatment; not one in a hundred who has not been made more happy and healthy; more than thirty per cent. have been taught to conform to social and moral law, and rendered capable of order, of good feeling, and of working like the third of a man; more than forty per cent. have become capable of the ordinary transactions of life, under friendly control, of understanding moral and social abstractions, of working like two-thirds of a man; and twenty-five to thirty per cent. come nearer and nearer the standard of manhood, till some of them will defy the scrutiny of good judges when compared with ordinary young men and women."

The ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM is situated about a mile from Lancaster; and the Estate upon which it is erected consists of about 90 acres of excellent land in a charming and salubrious situation, commanding fine views of Morecambe Bay and the Lake Mountains. Accommodation has been provided for 600 inmates, exclusive of staff, and the arrangements comprise every convenience for the specific treatment of idiots and imbeciles. The system of Training pursued in the Asylum is designed to secure, by special means, the physical, mental, and moral improvement of the patients, and is under the immediate direction of a Medical Superintendent. It includes gymnastic training, school education of a suitable kind, and instruction in a simple handicraft or other useful occupation.

Epileptic, Paralytic, and Insane Persons are not eligible for admission; nor those who are incurably Hydrocephalic. Idiocy which is complicated with blindness or deafness, is also a disqualification.

The following are some of the principal Rules and Regulations:—

PATIENTS.—Two Classes of patients, of both sexes, are admitted into the Asylum:—

1. Free patients, between the ages of Six and Fifteen, whose friends are proved to be unable to meet the lowest payment. They are elected by the votes of the Subscribers, and received for Seven years.
2. Paying patients admitted by the Central Committee, without Election, and at any time. The charges vary according to the requirements and circumstances of the friends of applicants.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.—Applications must be addressed to the General Secretary, from whom all necessary information may be obtained. The Central Committee will institute inquiries to ascertain if there be a reasonable probability that the Candidates will be benefited by the system adopted in the Asylum, and decide the terms on which they ought to be admitted. Previously to the election, a list of approved applicants from each County will be sent to the Subscribers entitled to vote for the admission of patients.

MODE OF ELECTING PATIENTS.—In order to meet the various opinions entertained as to the proper mode of electing patients, Subscribers have the option of voting directly, by means of voting papers; or of transferring their votes to their respective Local or County Committees. Canvassing for Votes is prohibited.

VOTES.—Donors of Five Guineas have a Life Vote, and Annual Subscribers of Half-a-Guinea an Annual Vote, for each vacancy due to their respective Counties. The right of voting, as regards higher sums, increases in the same proportion.

VOTES OF MINISTERS.—Any Minister preaching, or lending his pulpit for, a Sermon on behalf of the Institution, has a Vote for Life. The Minister of the Place of Worship where the Collection is made, is also entitled to Life Votes for the amount thus raised, at the rate of One Vote for every Five Guineas.

PERPETUATION OF VOTES.—At the death of a Donor, a vote for every Ten Guineas of his gift is vested in perpetuity in the Committee of the County to which the gift was originally made; and Legacies confer the same privilege. This voting power is never to exceed one-fourth of the entire voting power belonging to the Donors and Subscribers in the County.

GOVERNMENT.—The Government of the Institution is confided to—

- (a) A Central Committee, which consists of Representatives from each of the Local Committees, and of Fifteen Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster, to be chosen at the General Annual Meeting.
- (b) County Committees, constituted by the Members of the Central Committee forming themselves into Sub-Committees for promoting, in their respective Counties, the interests of the Asylum.
- (c) Local Committees, for the purpose of obtaining funds and generally promoting the interests of the Asylum. Every Local Committee is entitled to send one Representative to the Central Committee, and an additional Representative for each entire Thousand Guineas in Donations after the first Thousand Guineas, and for each entire Fifty Guineas in Annual Subscriptions after the first Fifty Guineas, contributed in that district.

The number of patients *elected* by each County is regulated by the amount of its contributions. Of the 454 patients now in the Asylum, 200 belong to Lancashire, 148 to Yorkshire, 33 to Durham, 26 to Cheshire, 17 to Northumberland, 21 to Cumberland, 8 to Westmorland. One full payment case belongs to a county not included in the Asylum district.

The most unqualified testimony to the successful working of the Royal Albert Asylum has been borne by the Commissioners in Lunacy; by the late Dr. Seguin, of New York; and by other eminent authorities. In the Official Report of a Visit to the Asylum in October, 1881, the Commissioners in Lunacy state:—"The Asylum being calculated for 600, there is still room for 150 cases, for whom the benefits of an Institution such as this are much needed. We are glad to record the gradual development of the Charity which is taking place, but trust that the Committee may be enabled, by increased liberality on the part of the public, more rapidly to extend the advantages of the Asylum. . . . We are satisfied with the condition in which the patients are kept, and with the progress made in developing whatever of intelligence is found among them. Indeed a very high comparative standard has been reached in some instances; and many, both boys and girls, have been trained to habits of decency and have been made useful in various ways." The *Manchester Guardian*, *Manchester Examiner*, *Manchester Courier*, *Liverpool Courier*, *Leeds Mercury*, *Sheffield Independent*, *Bradford Observer*, *Yorkshire Post*, *Preston Herald*, *Halifax Courier*, *Southport Visiter*, and other leading journals, have sent Special Correspondents to describe the daily life of the Institution.

The OBJECT being one of broad Christian philanthropy, CHALLENGES THE SYMPATHY OF ALL CLASSES, and the Committee now confidently appeal for help to raise the Idiot and Imbecile from their state of wasteful sloth, physical deterioration, and mental and moral darkness. Owing to inadequacy of income only about three-fourths of the accommodation provided is as yet utilised, although the Applications for Admission are both numerous and urgent. The Central Committee, therefore, while gratefully acknowledging the generous support which they have received in the past, earnestly APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL DONATIONS AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. Legacies are invested, under Rule 36, for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

Reports, Pamphlets, Regulations of Admission, and other information, will be gladly supplied by the General Secretary, Mr. James Diggins, Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster.

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November, 1881.

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.

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GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING AT LEEDS.

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The GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Subscribers to the Royal Albert Asylum was held in the Mayor's Room, Town Hall, Leeds, on Thursday November 17th, 1881 ;

THE RIGHT HON. EARL FITZWILLIAM, K.G.,

(*Lord Lieutenant of the West Riding of Yorkshire*),

IN THE CHAIR.

The proceedings having been opened with prayer, by the Rev. Eustace R. Conder, M. A., the Report of the Central Committee was presented by the General Secretary, (Mr. James Diggens), 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 congratulates the Central Committee upon the success which has hitherto attended their earnest labours.

Moved by Sir Andrew Fairbairn, Knt., M.P., Chairman of the Leeds Local Committee ; seconded by Rev. J. Gott, Vicar of Leeds ; and supported by John Barran, Esq., M.P.

- 2.—That this Meeting, having heard with regret that the amount contributed by Yorkshire to the Maintenance Fund of the Royal Albert Asylum is not sufficient for the support of the present number of Yorkshire Patients, earnestly commends the strong claims of the Institution to the increased liberality of the inhabitants of Leeds, and of the County generally ; and this Meeting pledges itself to renewed exertions, not only for the remedy of the existing deficiency, but also for obtaining funds to utilise the vacant accommodation in the Asylum for 150 additional Patients.

Moved by Edward Lawrence, Esq., Liverpool, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee ; seconded by Lewis R. Starkey, Esq., Chairman of the Yorkshire Committee.

- 3.—That the following gentlemen (with power to add to their number), be appointed the Leeds Local Committee for promoting the objects of the Royal Albert Asylum.

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Chairman.

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Moved by Edward S. Heywood, Esq., of Manchester ; seconded by Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., of Lancaster.

- 4.—That this Meeting, gratefully recognising the important services rendered to the Institution by the Ladies' Associations already organised, urges the formation of a similar Association for the Leeds district, and requests the Local Secretaries to take such steps as may be necessary for the purpose.

Moved by Rev. Eustace R. Conder, M.A., of Leeds ; seconded by Frederick Baines, Esq., Leeds.

5.--That this Meeting gratefully acknowledges the past services of the Lancaster Members of the Central Committee; and, in compliance with Rule 24, hereby appoints the Right Hon. Lord Winmarleigh and the following gentlemen Members of the Central Committee for the ensuing year:—

REV. CANON ALLEN, D.D.	CHR. JOHNSON, Esq., F.R.C.S.	REV. C. T. ROYDS, M.A.
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W. H. HIGGIN, Esq., Q.C.	WILLIAM ROPER, Esq.	

Moved by Geo. Wilton Chambers, Esq., of Rotherham; seconded by Richard Hurst, Esq., of Rochdale.

6.—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Professional Auditor, Mr. W. G. Welch, of Lancaster, for his thorough Audit of the Accounts of the Asylum for the past year, and for his examination of the Securities held on the Sustentation Fund Account; and this Meeting, in compliance with Rule 34, hereby appoints Mr. Welch as Professional Auditor, and Alderman Roper, of Lancaster, as Honorary Auditor, for the ensuing year.

Moved by W. E. Glyde, Esq., of Bradford; seconded by Hanson Ormerod, Esq., of Brighouse.

7.—That, circumstances permitting, the next General Annual Meeting of this Institution be held at Preston, on Wednesday, September 27th, 1882; and that notice thereof be given in the Preston, Leeds, Lancaster, York, Bradford, Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool, Chester, Kendal, Carlisle, Durham, and Newcastle Newspapers

Moved by Chas. F. Tetley, Esq., Hon. Sec., Leeds; seconded by John Walker, Esq., of Dewsbury.

A cordial Vote of Thanks to Earl Fitzwilliam for presiding, was moved by Chas. Ryder, Esq., of Leeds, and seconded by Thomas Harvey, Esq., of Leeds. A vote of thanks to the Mayor, for the use of his Room, was also passed on the motion of Chas. Lupton, Esq., Hon. Sec., Leeds, seconded by Mr. James Diggins, General Secretary.

REPORT

*Presented to the Subscribers at the General Annual Meeting, held at
Leeds, November 17th, 1881.*

IN presenting their Seventeenth Annual Report since the inauguration of the project for establishing a Northern Counties Asylum for Idiots, and their Eleventh Annual Report since the beneficent operations of the Asylum were commenced, the Central Committee refer with pleasure to the fact that Leeds was the first town in Yorkshire at which the project was publicly explained. The generous support then accorded to the scheme was a harbinger of the success of subsequent appeals in other parts of the County of York. In January, 1873, a public meeting was held in Leeds at which His Grace the Archbishop of York presided, and gave a most eloquent address. That speech, which has been re-printed and freely circulated, has, from its high Christian tone and great earnestness in pleading the cause of suffering humanity in its lowliest and most wretched forms, been of much service in urging the claims of the afflicted idiot upon the practical sympathy of the benevolent. The immediate financial results of the meeting were also most encouraging.

Former
Meetings
at Leeds.

The last General Annual Meeting was held at the Town Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne, when excellent addresses were delivered by the Chairman (the Earl of Ravensworth) and Mr. Joseph Cowen, M.P. Several contributions were received and steps were afterwards taken by the Local Committee for the formation of a Ladies' Association for Northumberland. The following members of the Central Committee attended the Annual Meeting:—Lord Winmarleigh (chairman), Mr. E. Lawrence, of Liverpool (vice-chairman), Mr. W. H. Wakefield, Kendal; Mr. C. Johnson, F.R.C.S., Lancaster; Rev. John Burdon, Castle Eden; Dr. Bowman, Sunderland; and Lieut.-Colonel Monks, Durham (Hon.

Last General
Annual
Meeting.

Sec. of the Durham County Committee). Attention is invited to two brief extracts from the speech of the Earl of Ravensworth:—

The Earl of
Ravensworth
on the
treatment of
Idiocy.

“They could easily understand that in an asylum where the mind was affected, those who “minister to a mind diseased” had a right to be classed among the greatest benefactors to mankind. (Hear, hear.) Now, what was done in this asylum? He would attempt by a single metaphor to give them his idea upon it. Persons who managed, who tended, and who fostered these unfortunate people, seemed to have a faculty of discerning weak and imperfect seeds, lying, as it were, dormant in a very sterile soil, and out of these unpromising materials they appeared to him to be able, by loving tenderness and care, to produce fairly healthy plants, a considerable proportion of which actually bore fruit. By their system of management they were able to evoke those latent elements and make the patients so far sensible as to be able to support themselves. But they must bear in mind that every imbecile rescued from imbecility relieves some sane person in whose charge he might otherwise be left. That was a very important fact, and as showing the success of the system, he might say that 10 per cent. of the imbeciles admitted were made capable of supporting themselves. (Applause.) There was of course a percentage who were hopeless, but still, when they took the result he had stated into consideration, they would see that the operations of the institution were very valuable to society, and afforded inestimable comfort and relief to many of these poor people. But medical science had done another great work for society, and perhaps it was the most important of any they had done. They had told the world there was nothing so hopeless, nothing so wrong, or, if he might use the term, so cruel, as to leave these persons under the same roof with lunatics. (Applause.) He believed he was correct in saying that a very evil effect was produced, as both classes of mental aberration reacted prejudicially one upon the other.”

On the
Financial
Management
of the
Institution.

“There was one feature about this institution which was particularly gratifying to him. Like a friend of his who was sitting near him, he had spent many years in a strict school—the House of Commons—where finance naturally engaged their attention. It was a subject of which he was rather fond. Between philanthropy and finance there was not much kinship as a rule; the philanthropist’s soul was commonly much too elevated to descend to such small matters as pounds, shillings, and pence, and he was often consequently in pecuniary difficulties with his charitable projects. Such certainly was not the case with this asylum, which stood upon a sound financial footing. (Hear, hear.) There was perhaps no public institution which was not fairly solvent that was worthy of support, because the fact showed that it was either mismanaged or the public did not thoroughly appreciate it, and in which ever light they took it, a sound financial condition was a very important feature in all charitable institutions. He was happy to say that this institution did stand in that position. At the same time, although its finances were very well managed, and it was very well off, it wanted, of course, something more. This was required, he believed, because they wished to increase their patients. The building was estimated to accommodate 600, and it now contained in round numbers about 450. They wanted, however, to utilise the vacant accommodation for 150 patients, and it had been estimated that the increase of annual subscriptions to the extent of £2,000 would go a long way to meet that want.”

Not less able, interesting, and useful was the advocacy of Mr. J. Cowen, M.P. on its Objects and Results. Mr. Cowen, M.P., who, in the course of his speech, said :—

“ The objects of the Institution were such as would command the approval of all charitably-minded and generous persons, and the way these objects were sought to be attained would, he believed, admit of the closest and most exacting scrutiny.”

“ The Albert Asylum did not degrade the friends of the recipients of its aid into the position of mendicants, nor would it stultify the donors into dupes. All who helped the Institution might rest satisfied that their contributions would be well and wisely used. It had been abundantly proved by the experience of this and other asylums that the idiot was susceptible, to a certain extent, of education. He could be trained to useful occupations, and he could be educated to exhibit a wonderful degree of intelligence, and partly if not entirely, to provide for himself. This was not only a blessing to the patient himself, but a benefit to the community, and a great relief to his relatives.”

In their last Report the Committee strongly appealed for contributions to a Special Fund for the erection of a detached Infirmary, and in their Report for 1878, they ventured to express the hope that “ possibly, among the numerous wealthy friends of the Royal Albert Asylum in the Seven Northern Counties, some one may yet be found willing to undertake the entire cost of such a building, and thus establish a title to permanent remembrance in connection with a great philanthropic work.” The recurrence, since 1877, of outbreaks of scarlatina had naturally caused much anxiety, and as the deficiency of stamina and vitality, and consequent want of resisting power in idiot children render them peculiarly liable to succumb to such diseases, every possible precaution was taken ; and, when attacked, the patients were at once isolated in an unoccupied part of the Asylum. Whilst the urgent need of a detached Infirmary was fully recognised, the Committee did not consider they would be justified in incurring a large debt for its erection, with the Asylum only two-thirds full and an annual income quite inadequate to the support of an increased number of patients. But in this emergency Mr. Edward Rodgett, of Darwen Bank, Preston, who had long taken an interest in the welfare of the Asylum, and liberally contributed to its funds, most opportunely and generously offered, through Dr. Hammond, of Preston, an active member of the Central Committee, to give the sum of £4,000 for the erection of an Infirmary on the Asylum Estate. The munificent offer was an agreeable surprise to the Central Committee, and was most gratefully accepted in the following Resolution unanimously

Munificent
Gift of
Mr. Rodgett
for the erection
of a detached
Infirmary.

passed on the 29th of October, 1880, on the motion of Mr. J. P. C. Starkie, of Lancaster, seconded by Mr. W. H. Wakefield, of Kendal:—

“Resolved—That the Central Committee gratefully accept the munificent offer of Edward Rodgett, Esq., of Darwen Bank, Preston, to contribute the sum of £4,000 for the erection of a detached Infirmary in connection with the Royal Albert Asylum.”

It was also unanimously resolved, on the motion of the Chairman (Lord Winmarleigh), seconded by Mr. Edward S. Heywood, of Manchester,—

“That in consideration of the great and most opportune liberality of Mr. Rodgett, the Central Committee have much pleasure in promising that the Infirmary shall be called ‘The Rodgett Infirmary.’”

The grateful acknowledgments of the subscribers are due to Mr. Rodgett for his noble generosity, and to Dr. Hammond for his constant and disinterested endeavours to advance the interests of the Asylum.

Contributions
for furnishing
the Infirmary.

Towards the cost of furnishing the Infirmary the following donations were immediately promised: Lord Winmarleigh, £100; Mr. Richard Newsham, £100; Mr. Hanson Ormerod, £50; and Mr. W. H. Wakefield, £25. Mrs. Rodgett has recently signified her kind intention to bear the expense of furnishing one wing of the Infirmary, which happily relieves the Committee from the necessity of making a special appeal for further contributions to this object.

Plan and
Progress of
Building.

Much inquiry was made in various quarters as to the most convenient arrangements for such a building, plans were carefully prepared by the Architects of the Asylum, Messrs. Paley and Austin, of Lancaster, and tenders were advertised for throughout the Seven Associated Counties. On the 25th February a contract was entered into with Mr. James Hatch, builder, of Lancaster, for the erection and completion of the Infirmary for the sum of £3,928. The excavations were commenced forthwith, and so much progress has been made with the building—it being already roofed and slated—that it is expected to be ready before next Midsummer, the date originally fixed for its completion. The building is so planned as to serve the double purpose of an Infirmary for the ordinary Sick and of a Hospital for Infectious Diseases, and it will undoubtedly prove a great boon to the Institution, tending to the health and comfort of both patients and staff.

Thanks are due to the Lancaster Urban Sanitary Authority for permission to send to its Hospital one or two cases of infectious disease which have occurred since the erection of the Rodgett Infirmary was commenced.

The total number of patients in the Asylum on the 30th of September, 1881, was 454, of whom 302 were boys and 152 girls. Of these 267 were election cases, 154 reduced payment cases, 9 full-payment cases, 14 associated and private cases, 7 life interest cases, and 3 presentation cases. All the patients but one belong to the district of the Seven Associated Counties. The average number resident in the institution during the past year has been 437. At the date of the last annual meeting the total number of patients in the Asylum was 413, of whom 273 were boys and 140 girls.

Number of Patients of various Classes

A glance at the appended list of 166 places from which the present inmates have been received, will shew how widely diffused are the benefits of the Asylum. Of the total of 454 patients, 200 belong to Lancashire, 148 to Yorkshire, 33 to Durham, 26 to Cheshire, 21 to Cumberland, 17 to Northumberland, and 8 to Westmorland. One full-payment patient has been received from Shropshire.

Number of Patients from each County.

The amount contributed by each County to the funds of the institution during the financial year which ended June 30th, 1881, may be thus summarised:—

Contributions from associated Counties.

COUNTIES.	Maintenance Fund.		General Fund.	Sustentation Fund.		Infirmary Building and Furnishing Fund.	TOTAL.
	Annual Subscriptions.	Donations	Donations	Legacies.	Donations		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
LANCASHIRE	1711 14 6	160 4 7	70 10 0	1200 0 0	900 0 0	2100 0 0	6142 9 1
YORKSHIRE	1167 7 9	159 8 8	150 0 0	.....	5 5 0	50 0 0	1582 1 5
CHESHIRE	159 11 0	5 11 3	19 19 0	.....	.....	.....	185 1 3
WESTMORLAND ..	82 8 0	5 5 0	.....	.....	50 0 0	25 0 0	162 13 0
CUMBERLAND ..	312 0 2	159 11 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	471 11 8
DURHAM.. ..	565 11 6	131 6 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	696 17 6
NORTHUMBERLAND	34 13 0	97 10 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	132 3 0
	4083 5 11	718 17 0	*240 9 0	1200 0 0	955 5 0	2175 0 0	9322 16 11

* This includes three Legacies, amounting to £87 19s. 0d.

Taking into consideration that it is a fundamental rule of the institution that the number of patients from each county should be regulated by the amount of its contributions, several counties are deficient in their pecuniary support. The Committee are

confident that they have only to mention the fact that Yorkshire does not contribute enough for the support of its own patients by the large sum of fully £1200 per annum. It is gratefully remembered how liberally that county contributed to the Building Fund of the Asylum, and the names of the Rev. Richard Brooke and Mrs. Brooke, and of Sir Titus Salt must, for princely munificence, be for ever associated with its history. Still, the Asylum having been erected and admission given to no fewer than 148 Yorkshire imbecile children, with a constantly increasing number of candidates, there are strong grounds of appeal for additional support. The County of Durham also sends more patients to the Asylum than its contributious can maintain. Here the Committee desire to acknowledge the kind co-operation of Mr. W. H. Wakefield, Chairman of the Westmorland Committee, and a generous friend of the Asylum, who in May last published in the Westmorland papers a pressing appeal for additional funds. Mr. Wakefield had in view the desirability of forming a County Ladies' Association similar to those in the adjoining counties of Cumberland and Durham.

Extracts from
Report of the
Durham Ladies'
Association.

The work of the Ladies' Associations has been carried on with unabated vigour. The amount remitted from year to year necessarily varies according to local circumstances, but it is gratifying to find that the zeal of the members does not diminish. In the report of the Committee of the County of Durham Association, which has just been issued, it is stated:—

“ It is with great pleasure that the Committee of the Ladies' Association for the Royal Albert Asylum report the large increase of £53 16s. 2d. in the sum collected this year by the Association. Although this increase is but the Sixth Part of the deficit in the sum subscribed by this County towards the expenses incurred for Durham Patients now in the Asylum, it is a great advance to have been made by the Association, which was only instituted to *supplement* the work of the Local Committees.”

The Ladies' Committee further urge that

“ In pleading generally the cause of the Institution, the Committee wish it were clearly understood that each of the Seven Northern Counties is entitled to have a specified number of Patients elected in proportion to the amount of its contributions ; and as each town and village can, if need be, claim the benefit of the Asylum, they think it does fairly take its stand amongst *local* charities. The number of Durham (County) Patients at present in the Asylum is 34.”

The Objects of
Ladies'
Associations.

The objects of such Associations are to diffuse information about the Asylum, and to endeavour to enlist the sympathy of the

many who are willing to give small sums. Through the kind assistance of these agencies many necessitous and eligible imbeciles are introduced to the beneficial training afforded by the institution. The great success which has attended the zealous and disinterested exertions of the Associations already established convinces the Central Committee that could such organisations only reach every town and village from which patients have been received, there need be but little anxiety as to an income sufficient to support the whole number of 600 patients that the Asylum was designed to accommodate. The energetic efforts of a few ladies in each place would probably suffice to accomplish this much desired result. A full explanation of the objects and the methods of working of these Associations is given in an admirable address by the Lord Bishop of Carlisle, which may be had on application to Mr. Diggens, the General Secretary, who will be only too happy to supply all needful information as to details. The experience of the Durham, Cumberland, York, and Halifax Associations also serves to show that, however difficult, it is certainly not impossible to create and sustain a lively interest in the Asylum at a great distance from its scene of operations. The contributions from the Associations during the year have been as follows:—

	Annual Subs.			Donations.			Total.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
DURHAM	370	5	0	...	...	...	370	5	0
CUMBERLAND	189	17	8	128	16	6	318	14	2
HALIFAX	167	6	5	20	5	10	187	12	3
YORK	79	1	6	33	2	0	112	3	6
WHALLEY RANGE (Manchester) ...	52	13	6	...	...	...	52	13	6
SOUTHPORT	18	0	6	10	17	6	28	18	0
THIRSK	3	13	6	5	5	0	8	13	6
	<u>£880</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>£198</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>£1079</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>

Amounts
collected by
Ladies'
Associations.

Again the Committee cordially acknowledge their indebtedness to the influential support of the Local Committees. Thanks are especially due to Mr. Henry Cox, who, having recently accepted office as Local Treasurer at Liverpool, has, by his own personal exertions, collected £73 7s. in new annual subscriptions, and £24 14s. in new donations. Contributions have also been obtained by Mr. Hanson Ormerod, Brighouse; Mr. R. Hurst, Rochdale; Mr. C. Brown, Settle; Mr. C. S. Moon, Sunderland; the Rev. R. Bruce, D.D., and Mr. Thomas Allen, Huddersfield; and by other officers and members of Local Committees.

Local
Committees.

The Committee desire to express their grateful appreciation of the valuable assistance rendered by the following clergymen

Collections.

and ministers who have preached for the Asylum during the year. Apart from the amount actually collected in this manner, such co-operation is of general advantage to the charity. Similar help had been rendered by most of these gentlemen in previous years.

Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. Phillip Bartlett, Christ Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. W. Bridges, Holme St. Cuthbert, Wigton.
 Ven. Archdeacon Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre.
 Rev. A. H. Hughes, Holy Trinity Church, Darlington.
 Rev. John Mathwin, West Pelton Church, Chester-le-Street.
 Rev. Thomas Meadows, Thornton Church, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 Rev. Jackson Smith, St. Thomas's Church, Leigh, Manchester.
 Rev. Geo. Style, Giggleswick, Settle.
 Rev. T. Windsor, Congregational Chapel, Skipton.

Legacies.

The following Legacies have been received since the last Report :—

	£	s.	d.
Miss L. A. Hutchinson, Malvern... ..	205	0	0
Miss Alice Giles, Cheltenham	100	0	0
James S. Harrison, F.R.C.S., Lancaster	100	0	0
Edward Armstrong, Grassington... ..	50	0	0
Robert McWhan, Birkenhead	19	19	0
Jonathan Blackburn, Lancaster	18	0	0

There have been two or three other instances in which payment of intended Legacies has been anticipated by the Donors, who have had the additional pleasure of seeing their contributions satisfactorily applied.

Special Contributions.

Attention is called to the following pecuniary Contributions of a special character :—

Various sums collected by the parents and friends of Election Patients.

An Offertory of £4 4s. 2d. from Giggleswick School, per the Rev. George Style, M.A., Head Master.

A Concert at Grasmere promoted by the father of an Election Patient, and which realised £10 10s.

A Concert at Castle Eden, per Miss Nimmo, which realised £10 10s. This was forwarded by the County of Durham Ladies' Association, which also included in its general remittance the sum of £11 11s., collected from working men in the village of Littletown, Durham.

A Contribution, per Mrs. Sleight, Lancaster, of £1 1s. from a Lecture on "Kindergarten," by Mr. W. H. Herford, of Manchester.

Several Annual Subscriptions have been contributed *in memoriam* of Relatives who had taken an interest in the Asylum.

Sundry Gifts.

A long list is appended of sundry gifts received for the amusement and gratification of the patients. They have consisted chiefly of toys, dolls, illustrated papers, pictures, scrap books, albums, fruit, &c. Mrs. Wilson, of Dallam Tower, sent several

volumes of the Illustrated London News; Miss L. B. Walker, of Wanstead, sent a Cuckoo Clock; a box of Dresses for the entertainments was received from Mrs. E. Sharpe and the Misses Sharpe, of Lancaster; and a parcel of Music was forwarded by Miss Williams, of Stalybridge. The Secretary's Appeal for toys and other contributions for the Christmas Tree festivities, which was kindly inserted in the leading Lancashire and Yorkshire papers, was, as in previous years, liberally responded to, one generous benefactor of the institution (Mr. Joseph Craven, of Thornton, Bradford), enclosing in a cordial letter £1 to buy toys for the Tree, and a donation of £100 to the funds of the institution. Suitable presents were received from Leeds, York, Bradford, Halifax, Huddersfield, Bingley, Doncaster, Manchester, Liverpool, Preston, Wigan, Accrington, Neston, &c. Lancaster, as heretofore, contributed largely to this object, and many local friends attended to witness the wonderful enjoyment of the children at this interesting festivity.

Grateful mention is made of the excellent entertainment given in the De Vitre Hall, by Mr. Edward Fletcher and his Comedy Company on the occasion of the Brooke Commemoration on the 9th of November, which was celebrated, as usual, by much rejoicing in honour of the late Rev. Richard Brooke and Mrs. Brocke, of Selby, the munificent donors of £30,000 to the Building and Sustentation Funds. Mr. Fletcher also gratuitously admitted a party of seventy patients to one of his performances at the Music Hall, Lancaster.

Special
Entertain-
ments.

The important services of Messrs. Sharp and Son, the Honorary Solicitors, are again commended to the grateful recognition of the subscribers; and to the Honorary Treasurers, the Lancaster Banking Company, hearty thanks are also due.

Honorary
Solicitors and
Treasurers.

The Committee greatly esteem the constant and influential support which they have received from the Press. The institution owes much to the press throughout the Northern Counties for its powerful advocacy.

The Press.

To extend an interest in the Asylum, especially among the young, Miss J. L. Watson, of Edinburgh, (who has on former occasions ably served the institution with her pen) has written a charming and pathetic narrative, entitled "Daft Willie." It has already had a large circulation, and will, no doubt, promote the desirable object which the talented authoress had in view.

Miss Watson's
literary
services.

Death of
Members of
Central
Committee.

During this year the Asylum has lost by death, several excellent friends. Mr. Thomas Howitt, F.R.C.S., of Lancaster, was one of its first promoters, and became a most zealous and useful member of the Central Committee, whose meetings he regularly attended. His great professional skill and experience were always cheerfully placed at the service of the Institution. Among the best friends of the Asylum must be reckoned Mr. William Gray, of York, whose association with its promoters as one of the Honorary Local Secretaries, began with the earliest efforts made to enlist the support of Yorkshire. Mr. Gray heartily entered into the project, and never ceased to help it both by his social influence and personal services. He had only recently joined the Central Committee, and was looking forward to a more direct participation in the management of the Asylum. Mr. Edward Moon, of Liverpool, had also long been identified with the institution. The following gentlemen have joined the Central Committee since the last annual meeting:—The Very Rev. the Dean of York, (Dr. Purey-Cust); Mr. W. H. Higgin, Q.C., Lancaster; Mr. W. Ascroft, Mr. Edmund Birley, Mr. C. R. Jacson, and Mr. J. Satterthwaite, Preston; Dr. G. H. Philipson, F.R.C.P., Newcastle-on-Tyne; Mr. John Walker, Dewsbury; and Mr. J. S. Rawson, Halifax.

New Members.

The Committee would here express their sense of the loss which the institution sustained by the death of Miss Elizabeth Bryan, who had acted as Matron from the commencement, and who faithfully and efficiently discharged the duties of her position. She was deeply attached to the patients, and they now very gratefully and affectionately remember her. Her interest in the general work of the institution is shown by the bequest she made to its funds.

The late
Dr. Seguin.

Brief reference must be made to the death of Dr. Edward Seguin, who was the pioneer in the work of educating the imbecile. Dr. Seguin commenced his beneficent labours in Paris in 1837, and finished them in New York on the 28th of October, 1880; and they have had an abiding influence in both Europe and America. For forty-three years he enthusiastically devoted his great intelligence and knowledge to "the noble work of restoring the arrested development of idiot children and training them up for a life of greater intelligence." His last scheme was the establishment in New York City of a Day School for feeble-minded children and for their teachers and nurses. Dr. Seguin was the author of many

standard works on the treatment of idiocy, and his ardent sympathies were extended to all who laboured in the cause to which he had consecrated his best powers. He twice visited the Royal Albert Asylum, which he spoke of as "realising the dream of his youth."

Great care and vigilance have been necessary in the financial management of the institution. The year commenced with a credit balance of £721 7s. 10d. on Maintenance Account; the balance at the end of the year was only £1 11s. 1d. The donations to this fund have amounted to £718 17s., or less than one-half of the sum given in the previous year; and, while all legacies of 50 guineas and upwards are invested for endowment, it is impossible to dispense with donations for current use, and they are earnestly solicited. By unceasing efforts the Annual Subscriptions have been brought up to £4,033 5s. 11d., which is a slight increase of £16 upon the previous year. Annual Subscriptions form a very fluctuating and extremely sensitive source of income. In seasons of depression of trade many subscriptions are certain to lapse, and these losses, in addition to those constantly occurring from deaths, removals, and other changes inevitable in so large a constituency, make it difficult to secure in an ordinary way any real increase in this item of the receipts. The amount obtained from the payment of patients has increased from £5,922 18s. 8d. to £7,038 16s. 1d., and it is gratifying to report that the friends of the election patients have contributed £494 4s. 4d. It has from the first been the steady aim of the Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum not to degrade the friends of the recipients of its aid into the position of mendicants, and all who could possibly contribute have been urged to pay regularly something, however small the amount, towards the maintenance of their children. By this means the independence of the friends is fostered, and when the children return home they are probably considered less burdensome to the scanty resources of their families than they otherwise might be. The building and furnishing items have amounted to £1060 10s. 2d. In calculating the weekly cost of maintenance per patient it is 13s. 6¼d. if these be included; if omitted, it is 12s. 7d. In either case the amount compares most favourably with the cost in other similar institutions, and it is a trifle less than it was last year. There has also been an extraordinary expenditure of £296 for the new external soil pipes and other consequent alterations; £116 for laundry machinery; and £103 16s. for the repair of the boiler and

Maintenance
Account.

Weekly Cost.

cooking apparatus. The cost of maintenance is now less than Dr. de Vitré ever anticipated that it would become even with the full number of patients; and in making a comparison between this institution and Lunatic Asylums it is necessary to take into account the peculiarities of the patients—their youth; the general helplessness of many; the destructive habits of others; the need for a large staff of teachers, and trade instructors for those who are educable; and the other essential requirements of an Idiot Asylum for all classes. There must also be taken into consideration the fact of the institution, which is largely dependent upon charitable contributions, needing a special organisation for the collection of its funds. A visit to the Asylum would show how economical management is kept in view in all its departments.

Trades and
Occupations at
the Asylum.

Attention is directed to the various trades carried on at the Asylum for the profitable supply of its necessities as well as to afford, training and occupation for the patients, viz: baking, butchering, tailoring, shoemaking, upholstery, joinery, plumbing, gasfitting, glazing, painting, &c. There is also a large steam laundry. Dress-making and needlework of all kinds are done on the premises. The kitchen garden consists of 5 acres, and supplies the fruit and fresh vegetables required; and from the farm of 74 acres, the institution gets milk, beef, mutton, pork, eggs, potatoes, turnips, &c. At the Asylum there is a large dairy, which last year not only supplied all the butter used in the establishment, but had a surplus for sale which realised £413 17s. 7d. Against the expenditure of £1140 7s. 8d. for clothing should be set the sum of £845 7s. 9d. received for clothing, which is included in "payments for patients."

General
Account.

There is still a debt amounting to £1821 os. 7d. on General Fund Account (for estate, buildings, &c.,) and it is hoped that some special effort will shortly be made to clear off this liability. It may be noticed that notwithstanding several handsome donations, the balance is larger than it was last year. This is owing to the return of £426 9s. 7d., being the excess realised several years ago by the sale of property, the mortgage upon which was transferred to the Committee as part of the donation given by the late Mr. Brunton whose contribution of £2000 was the origin of the institution; and the transfer to the infirmary furnishing account of a donation of £150 formerly by a lady as the nucleus of a special fund for the erection of an infirmary.

Sustentation
Fund.

The Sustentation Fund has benefited by several large

donations specially contributed, in lieu of legacies, by old friends of the Asylum. In addition to these contributions it may be mentioned that the sum of £500 has been received for the purchase of a 'life interest' for a patient. Several cases have, at different times, been received for life at certain payments, regulated by the Committee according to the circumstances and requirements of each case. This arrangement is regarded as a great boon by the relatives, and the money is invested by rule for the permanent benefit of the institution.

The Balance Sheets, which are annexed, give a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditure and of the general financial position of the institution. The Secretary regulates and orders all supplies for the Institution, and is responsible to the Committee for the collection of the funds and for their careful expenditure. The books and accounts are examined monthly by the Finance Committee, and they are also thoroughly scrutinised by an able professional Auditor, whose long experience has made him intimately acquainted with the system. Attention is directed to the favourable report of the Auditor which is prefixed to the Balance Sheets. The Honorary Auditor, Mr. Albert Greg, was absent in America at the time of the recent audit.

Balance Sheets
and Financial
management.

An Election of 40 patients (chiefly to supply vacancies caused by discharges) took place at the Town Hall, Liverpool, on the 13th of June last; and the best thanks of the Committee are due to the Mayor of Liverpool (Mr. W. B. Forward) for kindly granting the use of the Council Chamber, and for hospitably entertaining at luncheon the numerous members of the Central Committee who were present at the election. Mr. Edward Lawrence, Vice-chairman of the Central Committee, ably presided at the Election in the unavoidable absence, through official and Parliamentary engagements, of Mr. J. T. Hibbert, M.P., Chairman of the Lancashire Committee. There were 74 applicants for the 40 vacancies. As the Asylum becomes better known and more widely appreciated, the applications for admission increase, and many of them are painfully urgent.

Election at
Liverpool.

The earnest wish of the Committee is to see the accommodation still available for 150 patients speedily occupied by the reception of such cases as are likely to derive the greatest amount of appreciable benefit from the specific training which the institution can supply; for the resources of

Training of
Patients.

the Asylum are not utilised to the greatest advantage in the care of hopeless and helpless idiots, whose mere physical wants might be fairly well attended to elsewhere. It is the daft, simple-minded Imbecile who is likely to profit most by the seven years' training. Suitable occupation and systematic physical culture will call forth in the imbecile the latent powers of the body and strengthen its various organs; he will make fair progress in learning a simple handicraft; in the school his mental and moral powers will be developed; and by general discipline he will be trained to habits of order, regularity, industry, and self-control. These results are not accomplished without requiring, in those responsible for the management and training of the patients, much consideration for their defects, with great patience, tact, cheerfulness, activity, and aptitude and fondness for the work. It is necessary also to give constant attention to the health, diet, exercise and general comfort of the patients. The work is essentially arduous, anxious, and exhausting; and the Medical Superintendent, and all engaged in it, deserve every encouragement and support. When the imbecile leaves the Institution he will still need kind and judicious guardianship, and should, if possible, be regularly employed. No amount of training can of course ever compensate for deficiency of capacity, so as to enable the imbecile to compete on equal terms in the open labour market; but much is gained, if, through good training, he become so improved in habits, intelligence, and character as to be of some use to himself and less burdensome to others.

Testimony of
Friends of
Patients.

Following the course adopted in past years, the Committee have pleasure in quoting from the testimony of parents and friends relative to the improvement observed in the patients while they were at home for their August holiday. In consequence of there having been scarlatina in the Asylum, the usual holiday could not be granted last year, which caused much disappointment to both patients and parents. No fewer than 105 patients went home this time. The testimony here given has been selected by the Committee from written reports, and it is regarded as most encouraging to Dr. Shuttleworth and his staff. It is not less gratifying to the Committee, as showing that, notwithstanding the difficulties naturally inherent in the task of educating and training the imbecile, much success may be attained, and that the friends of patients thankfully appreciate the care and attention bestowed and the benefits received.

1.—“ It has been noticed both at home and at the Sunday School (which E. A. U. attends when at home,) that she is now much more tractable and docile, and less excitable and passionate than formerly. We find her greatly improved both in habits and manners, and also in general intelligence.”

2.—“ I am happy to say that a great improvement in F's condition is evident in every respect. His health is much better than our highest anticipations expected ; and of still more importance, a very considerable improvement is noticeable in his faculties generally. His mind is much stronger, and we have hopes of an almost perfect restoration. I am very grateful for the signs of advancement which I see in him.”

3.—“ I am happy to say that my daughter is very much improved in her manners, and her health is very good ; in domestic work there is a little improvement ; and also in her mental condition. I think she is better for she seems to stick more to one thing.”

4.—“ I am very thankful and pleased to say I consider my son J. C. wonderfully improved. He reads and writes much better than when here last, and his memory is altogether better.”

5.—“ We think Ellen is improved in many things ; her mental condition we think better. We found her health better than we expected, and think she has improved since she came home. She has been very good in helping me with some of the domestic work, and very willing to do it.”

6.—“ We feel greatly obliged to you for your kindness to our son. We see great improvement in him both in health and habits, and his learning ; and he seems very impatient to be at his work.”

7.—“ We find our son very much improved in his manners and behaviour. We are also glad to note the improvement in his health ; both his sight and memory are considerably better. We are also pleased with the advancement he has made in writing, and are perfectly satisfied with his physical and mental condition generally.”

8.—“ I am highly satisfied with the improvement which J. A. has made in every way since he came to the Asylum, and am very thankful for it.”

9.—“ We have found very great improvement in Leah while she has been at home for her holiday this year. We can send her to shops for different articles, which she brings correctly. Her memory is also very good, and she is also very useful in domestic work ; and we hope she will continue improving.”

10.—“ I am glad to find my grandson, J. W. N., has improved both physically and mentally. I also find him cleanly in his habits, and quick at work. I am very thankful that he has been well cared for during his residence at the Asylum.”

11.—“ We are very much pleased to find a little improvement in my daughter, both mentally and physically ; and she can speak words which we never heard her speak for years. In matters of conduct she is better to manage, and not so destructive as when at home. Her health is good, and in all ways there is a wonderful change, for which we are truly thankful.”

12.—“I find my daughter much improved since she entered the R. A. A., Lancaster, in every respect, appearing to enjoy very good health. She has more self-control and does not wish to be out in the streets as she used to do. She is very particular in keeping her clothes clean and in good order; and has learned a few hymns and songs, and can sing in tune a great deal better than when at home. I return my sincere thanks for the kind attention and care which has been exercised over her.”

13.—“He appears to be in very good health. Habits much improved, especially order, in many ways very noticeable. He is taller but thinner, the joints at knees somewhat larger inside the legs; great improvement in walking and holding; can run and turn round without falling, which he could not do when he entered the Asylum. Greater intelligence in trying to understand and to make himself understood, and can speak several additional words. There is evidence that he has received great care, patient and diligent teaching, with much kindness. He has frequently desired to return to the Asylum.”

Lunacy
Commissioners

The Commissioners in Lunacy have just made their annual inspection of the Asylum, and have recorded their impressions and observations in the accompanying Report, to which attention is invited.

Report of
Medical
Superin-
tendent.

It is with satisfaction that the Committee refer to the Report of the Medical Superintendent, which supplies full information respecting the condition and training of the patients and the internal working of the Asylum. Its facts and suggestions claim earnest attention. It is a sincere cause for congratulation that Dr. Shuttleworth's natural anxiety for better provision against the spread of infectious disease in the Asylum, and for increased facilities for the careful treatment of the ordinary sick, will soon be relieved by the completion of the Rodgett Infirmary.

Conclusion.

The Committee now commend their Report upon the operations of the past year to the benevolent consideration of the subscribers and of a generous public. Their labours have been directed to the relief of the unspeakable misery of blighted hopes with which a dark affliction overshadows hundreds of homes that might otherwise have been filled with brightness and joyous content. There is no position in life where a family, however favourably circumstanced, can absolutely secure itself against the injurious influence and misfortune of having a feeble-minded child, with its sad and solitary lot, as one of its members. Truly in such institutions as the Royal Albert Asylum may be witnessed many

“scenes suggestive of thankful thoughts,” as Professor Owen, C.B., recently remarked in the Visitors’ Book. And in reviewing the work of the year, the Committee feel that they have abundant cause for gratitude to a Gracious Providence for the success which has attended their efforts; and they humbly trust in the same Divine Power to perpetuate that noble spirit of beneficence which founded, and has hitherto so liberally supported, the Royal Albert Asylum.

WINMARLEIGH,

CHAIRMAN.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S GENERAL REPORT.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

Owing to the comparatively late date of the Annual Meeting, the Report which I have now the honour to submit (being my eleventh report as Medical Superintendent) will include a period of 57 weeks, viz.: from August 27th, 1880, to September 30th, 1881.

The changes in the number of patients resident during that period are as follows:—

Number of Patients.	Admitted	..	68	Males	37	Females	Total	105
	Discharged	...	29	„	21	„	„	50
	Died	... ..	13	„	4	„	„	17

The number resident in the Institution on the 27th of August, 1880, was 416 (276 boys and 140 girls); the present number is 454 (302 boys and 152 girls). The average number resident during the intervening period has been 437; the aggregate number under training 521; and the maximum number simultaneously resident 454.

Admissions.

Two series of Election Cases have been admitted during the year, and there have been five intermediate admissions of patients of the payment and pauper classes. Since our unfortunate experience last year with regard to the introduction of infectious disease by newly-admitted patients, the precaution has been adopted of isolating all new-comers in the Brooke-Wing House for a period of 15 days; and not until it has been ascertained that they are free from possible latent infection contracted before admission are they distributed amongst the other children. The adoption of this plan of course necessitates the admission of patients only in periodical groups, and is sometimes open to the objection that the individuals composing these groups are not well adapted for association with each other; but on the other hand, this probational period, apart from its sanitary aspects, offers advantages for studying the special peculiarities of each case previous to classification amongst the general body of patients.

The completion of the seven years' term of residence for Election Patients is now beginning to tell materially as regards the number of discharges. Since August 1880 no fewer than 36 patients have been discharged on this account, all of whom, (with one exception—an epileptic), have been reported to the Lunacy Commissioners as "relieved" by their residence in the Asylum. The degree of improvement of course varied considerably in the different cases. Four of the boys were, at the time of their discharge, doing remunerative work in the Asylum Workshops or Grounds; and four of the girls were valuable helpers in domestic work. Six boys and four girls did a certain amount of work under supervision; and the remaining seventeen had improved only in habits or in self-helpfulness. One of the four boys above referred to was, after discharge as a patient, engaged on small wages to assist in the tailors' shop where he had learnt his trade; he also helps the baker, and is an efficient and trustworthy office messenger when his services are required. Two girls were at the end of their election term retained in the institution at a low payment in consideration of the value of their work. The remaining discharges include that of a girl who, at the request of her friends, was permitted to leave the institution before the expiration of her election period, because she was found to be of much service at home. This girl, from being dull and almost useless when admitted, had become bright and cheerful, and had learnt to read and write nicely, to work the sewing-machine, and to clean and scrub like a housemaid. That her parents fully appreciated her improvement is evident from the following letter addressed to the Central Committee:—

July 7, 1881.

GENTLEMEN,

Owing to my wife's failing health and her inability to do the household work in our home, I am obliged to ask for my daughter (C.H.) to return home for good these holidays. I regret very much being obliged to remove her from the institution, but it is quite necessary for her to be at home to assist her mother. My wife and myself feel deeply grateful for the kindness, the care, and the attention my daughter has received at the institution and are very thankful for the great improvement we see in her in every way.

I remain, gentlemen, your humble servant,

C.H.

Two or three patients have been withdrawn by their friends for sundry personal reasons; and it was unfortunately found necessary to arrange for the transfer to lunatic asylums of two whose mental condition had assumed the features of insanity. One patient was discharged at the end of an extended probation of two years on account of the persistence of severe epilepsy. It may be interesting to mention that as yet only three patients have been discharged under the operation of the rule adopted in 1877, that all Election Cases should be received upon one year's probation.

Deaths.

The death-rate for the 57 weeks included in this Report is equivalent to an annual per-centage of 3·5 calculated upon the average number resident, or of 2·9 calculated upon the aggregate number under training. These per-centages are fractionally below the average annual death-rate since the opening of the Asylum. The death of one patient took place at home ; and a delicate child brought from Durham at the end of last October died three days after admission in consequence of inflammation of the lungs contracted on the journey. It is noteworthy that of the 17 fatal cases, in no fewer than 13 were there evidences of some form of scrofulous or tubercular disease, a striking testimony to the fact often insisted on in previous Reports that idiocy must be regarded not merely as an imperfection of the mind, but as a manifestation of imperfect physical organisation in which morbid degenerative processes readily occur. As further illustrative of this statement, I may cite the case of a youth of 20 who died last May from sanguineous apoplexy, an affection usually associated with the degenerative processes of advancing years. No more than four deaths were attributed directly to brain-disease : one of these being the case of a confirmed epileptic, in which were found evidences of structural alterations in the brain.

Epileptic Cases

Reference to this case of fatal epilepsy leads me to offer a few remarks upon our experience in this Institution with regard to epileptic patients. In spite of a rule excluding the admission of such patients, it is found practically impossible to ensure freedom from fits amongst so large an assemblage of imbeciles. As a matter of fact, about 10 per cent. of the patients at present resident suffer more or less often from epileptiform seizures ; and the number of fits (as reported from time to time to the House Committee) averages about 120 per month. I am quite convinced that, speaking generally, the presence of confirmed epileptics in an institution which claims to be essentially a training-school is undesirable, inasmuch as patients who suffer much from epilepsy do not themselves attain any permanent benefit from instruction, and they are a source of disturbance, and sometimes of terror, to the non-epileptic pupils with whom they are associated. The sad condition of epileptic imbeciles is without doubt greatly to be commiserated, and a custodial institution specially adapted for their needs would be a most useful charity. I would not, however, advocate the indiscriminate exclusion from the training-school of every epileptic case. Children who have suffered from convulsive attacks dating from the period of dentition not unfrequently "grow out of" such attacks as they approach puberty, and there is no doubt that hygienic surroundings with judicious feeding and medical treatment will favour their recovery. On the other hand, if the epileptic tendency persists after the age of 14 or 15 years, and cannot be traced to some intestinal or external irritation, it is but too likely

that grave and permanent disease of the nervous system exists, and that although medical treatment may alleviate the symptoms, it will be in vain to hope for substantial mental improvement. It has indeed been noticed that when in such cases medicine prevents the occurrence of fits, the nervous irritability sometimes finds expression in emotional disturbance and outbursts of temper, which render the sufferer a very undesirable associate for the simple feeble-minded. The somewhat stimulating *régime* useful for the latter—I mean the excitation necessary to rouse up the sluggish and apathetic idiot—will indeed itself be quite unsuitable for the epileptic. The number of applications for admission to the Asylum of epileptic imbeciles is very large; and the practical rule adopted (in default of seeing the candidates) is not to entertain the applications until there has been a cessation of fits for 12 months.

It is a matter for thankfulness that the year has passed without any death from epidemic disease. The institution has not, however, been entirely free from infectious disorders, five cases of scarlatina having occurred, one in November, 1880, one in May, 1881, and three recently. The first case was probably connected with the series recorded in my last Annual Report; but it is not easy to account for the two outbreaks which have occurred during the present year. In an institution visited by hundreds of strangers weekly there can be but little security against the introduction of infective germs, and there is no doubt that our feeble children are more susceptible than others to such morbid influences. We are indebted to the Lancaster Urban Sanitary Authority for promptly receiving into their hospital (on payment) the infectious cases as they have arisen, so enabling us to minimise the risk of an epidemic here. There are, however, obvious difficulties in sending away patients for treatment at a distance from the Asylum; and the boon of a detached infirmary in connexion with the Institution, which owing to the munificence of Mr. Rodgett will soon be an accomplished fact, cannot be too highly appreciated.

Infectious
Disease.

On the whole the general sanitary condition of the establishment has been, notwithstanding a long and severe winter, more favourable than in recent years. The altered system of soil-pipes, which are now entirely outside the building and ventilated both above and below, has no doubt conduced to increased healthiness; and the external earth-closets lately sanctioned for the Girls' Division will also be a great improvement.

General
Sanitary
Condition.

In April last a new Dietary Scale (which had previously received your sanction) came into operation, the alterations made affording a greater variety of food than previously. The changes work well, and are acceptable to the patients.

New Dietary.

No changes of importance have occurred in the work and arrangements of the Schools, which are still carried on with efficiency by the Staff mentioned in my last Report.

Schools.

Industrial
Employments.

With regard to industrial occupation I have little to add to what has been previously said. A reference to the appended tables and to the Secretary's report on the workshops, laundry, &c., will show the numbers under industrial training and the work accomplished in these departments. I am still strongly impressed with the advantages accruing both to the physical and mental development of the boys by employing them at out-door work, but the cold and wet summer of 1881 has not been favourable to extension of such employment. On fine days, however, upwards of 50 boys are employed in the weeding-classes and at garden and farm work generally; but only the more robust—(and these are but a small proportion of the imbecile class)—can stand much exposure to cold and damp without injury to their health.

Public
Worship.

The number of patients attending public worship in Lancaster has averaged from 50 to 60 each fine Sunday, drawn from a list of about 100 who might be trusted to conduct themselves well; and it is in contemplation to obtain additional pew-accommodation at church and chapel to admit of a larger attendance. Gratifying testimony to the creditable behaviour of our children has been given by the ministers of both the places of worship they attend; and whilst the privilege of mixing with an ordinary congregation is appreciated by all, it may be stated with confidence that not a few are attentive and more or less intelligent hearers. This statement is attested by the frequency with which allusions to the texts and sermons are made in letters written to friends by patients. Morning and evening prayers (with a short address on Sunday evenings) are read daily in the Institution, and are attended by about 300 children.

Entertain-
ments.

The matter of recreation has not been lost sight of, and the following list of 22 Entertainments given in the winter months will afford some idea of their frequency and character:—

1880.

12th October, Concert.

19th October, Conjuror.

26th October, Concert.

2nd November, Do.

9th November, (*"Brooke Com-
memoration"*),

Burlesque and Concert.

16th November, Concert.

23rd November, Fireworks.

30th November, Magic-Lantern
Entertainment.

14th December, Conjuror.

31st December, Christmas-Tree
Entertainment, and
"Cinderella" Burlesque.

1881.

4th January, *"Cinderella"*
Burlesque, (repeated.)

11th January, Concert.

18th January, Concert.

25th January, Variety Enter-
tainment.

1st February, Concert.

8th February, Do.

15th February, Do.

22nd February, Do.

8th March, Do.

22nd March, Do.

18th April, (*Easter Monday*),
Musical Extravaganza &
Farce.3rd May, Repetition of the
Easter Entertainment.

As in previous years, our thanks are due to many kind friends for aid in these entertainments, and amongst them I may specially name members of the Lancaster Orpheus Glee Club, of the Lancaster Orchestral Band, and of the St. John's Choir, to each of which organisations we are indebted for an excellent concert. Mr. E. Fletcher's Dramatic Company were so good as to give in the De Vitre Hall a much enjoyed performance of "Aladdin" in connection with the "Brooke Commemoration" of last year; and I have again to acknowledge the kindness of Mr Joseph W. Pickard in exhibiting by means of his powerful magic-lantern a variety of dissolving-views. During the summer the Attendants' Brass Band, under the efficient leadership of Mr. Godfrey Jones (Drill and Music Master), provided excellent music for the out-door recreations, which have taken place each week when the weather has permitted. On the 1st of September 135 patients (attended by 28 of the Asylum Staff) took part in a picnic to Cockersand Abbey, which they much enjoyed.

Pic-nic.

It may be well to mention that the funds for defraying the expenses of the entertainments and excursions—(this year upwards of £40)—have been derived solely from the contributions of visitors to the Asylum, and from the liberal response to the appeal made for aid in the Christmas Festivities of the inmates.

An excellent semi-grand piano for concert purposes has just been purchased from Messrs. Broadwood & Sons, of London. The piano previously in use (which was second-hand when kindly presented several years since) had become quite worn out; and a few friends who were present at the last of the winter entertainments started a subscription for re-placing it by a new and more powerful instrument. This subscription was readily and liberally supported by the patients' relatives, who will have satisfaction in learning that, mainly through their contributions, the De Vitre Hall has been supplied with a piano which will doubtless serve to improve the character of the musical performances so much appreciated by the inmates.

New
Concert Piano.

No fewer than 105 patients visited their homes during the month of August, and their friends' reports upon their condition, as observed by them, have been already submitted to your notice.

Holidays.

This summer we have had the gratification of receiving visits from three old pupils who are each earning their living, and conducting themselves in a most creditable manner, under the guidance of judicious relatives. It is, however, not to be expected that in any large proportion of our discharged cases this judicious parental guidance will be met with; and the establishment of some form of kindly supervision over those who have been trained here, either by charitably-disposed individuals, or in a simple

custodial institution, is much to be desired in order to render permanent the beneficial operations of the Royal Albert Asylum.

Scientific
Investigation.

Endeavours have from time to time been made to utilise the material constantly accumulating in the case-books for the purpose of scientific investigation, and papers, with illustrative cases, have been contributed during the year to the proceedings of the Manchester Medical Society and of the International Medical Congress. I gladly acknowledge valuable aid in the medical and scientific work of the Asylum rendered by the Assistant Medical Officer, Dr. H. G. Taylor. I am also indebted to the Secretary, Mr. Diggins, for continued friendly co-operation in all that relates to the benefit of the patients.

Conclusion.

In concluding this Report, I feel I cannot avoid a reference to the loss the establishment sustained by the death, on the 25th of September, 1880, of Miss Bryan, who had worthily filled the office of Matron since the opening of the Asylum in 1870. Associated as I had officially been with her during a long period both in this and a kindred Institution, I had learned to value highly her kindness of spirit, grasp of detail, and excellent administrative power, and I feel sure that her name will long be remembered with affection both by her colleagues and subordinates.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, LANCASTER,
September 30th, 1881.

CASES OF IMPROVEMENT

ILLUSTRATIVE OF REPORT.

(Not previously reported.)

BOYS' SCHOOL.

A. (510.) Admitted in Oct., 1878, aged 14. A restless, useless boy. As regards reading, could tell no letter or word, could only scribble, counted up to 30, could tell no hour or minute, could tell no coin or weight, had but an indistinct idea of black and white. Now improved in steadiness and in speech, reads easy words and can spell them, writes easy words in copy book, understands the value of unit figures, tells the hours and quarters, tells all the coins and some weights, tells and matches most compound shades of colour. Is becoming useful in the garden.

B. (553.) Admitted in June, 1879, aged 16. Could only read easy words and write them in copy book, could work easy simple addition sums, in clock lesson was uncertain about the hours and quarters, knew all the coins, some weights, could draw a little. No industrial attainments. Now reads fairly well, writes without help well-filled letters to his friends, works problems in compound rules, tells the hours and five minutes, tells all the coins and weights and calculates well, has a neatly-filled drawing book, and is much improved in general knowledge. He is industrious in the shoemakers' shop, "stitching backs" satisfactorily.

C. (599.) Admitted Jan., 1880, aged 16. Could only read easy words and write them in copy book, work easy simple addition sums, tell the hours of the clock, and tell the simple colours. No industrial attainments. Now reads fairly well; writes good and well-filled letters without help, works problems in compound rules, tells time to a minute, knows all coins and weights and calculates fairly, tells and matches many compound shades of colour, is much improved generally, and is "stitching backs" in the shoemakers' shop.

D. (606.) Admitted Jan., 1880, aged 10. Knew no letter or word, made one or two easy letters on slate, counted up to 30, could tell no hour or minute, knew one or two coins, could tell the simple colours. Now reads a few easy words, forms letters in copy book, tells value of unit figures, tells hours and quarters, knows all the coins and some weights, tells and matches most compound shades of colour, and draws on paper. Is "sewing linings" in the tailors' shop.

E. (617.) Admitted Jan., 1880, aged 13. Could only read easy words and form easy letters in copy book, work with help addition sums, tell one or two hours, one or two coins, the simple colours, and draw a little on slate. No industrial attainments. Now reads fairly well, writes well, works simple addition, tells the hours, knows the coins and weights, and calculates a little, tells and matches most compound shades of colour, and draws admirably on paper. Is an excellent sewer of linings in the tailors' shop.

GIRLS' AND INFANTS' SCHOOL.

F. (620.) Admitted Jan., 1880, aged 13. Then knew only a few letters, could only form a few of the simpler ones on slate, had a slight knowledge of needlework, and could count a little. Can now write her name and a few easy words on slate, and be trusted to form letters in copy book, can seam and hem fairly and knit a garter, can calculate a little, and has been taught to be very useful in housework.

G. (638.) Admitted Oct., 1880, aged 14. Then a nervous excitable girl with no educational attainments. Is now bright and cheerful, can be trusted to make strokes in copy book, knows some of her letters, counts fairly well, and can hem. But has made special improvement in housework, and can be fully trusted with scrubbing and bedmaking.

H. (628.) Admitted April, 1880, aged 6. Had then no control over the movements of his limbs; could articulate no definite sound. Can now stand at attention, and perform simple movements of limbs with great steadiness, can articulate many sounds and say a few words very distinctly, can hem a little, and thread beads in such order (as to colour and number) as to form mats.

ELEVENTH REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY.

Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots,

October 24th, 1881.

There are now on the books of the Asylum the names of 451 patients, an increase upon the number at the last visit of members of our Board of 31. The Asylum being calculated for 600, there is still room for 150 cases, for whom the benefits of an Institution such as this are much needed. We are glad to record the gradual development of the Charity which is taking place, but trust that the Committee may be enabled by increased liberality on the part of the public more rapidly to extend the advantages of the Asylum.

The support already accorded to the Institution has been most generous, and a further instance of this has occurred since our last visit in the handsome donation by Mr. Edward Rodgett, of Preston, of £4,000, for the erection of a detached hospital for ordinary sick, but which would also serve for the isolation of infectious cases. This building is nearly complete. Other friends have subscribed towards the expense of furnishing this hospital, which will be a very valuable addition to the resources of the Asylum.

As regards the financial position of the Asylum, we observe that for the year ending the 30th June last, the receipts, with the balance in hand at the beginning of the year, just balanced the expenditure, and that the "Sustentation Fund" was increased by the sum of £2,655 5s. od. (arising from donations to the fund, legacies, and life interest payments) to £62,233 15s. 8d.

The 451 patients now on the books are made up of 228 males of the private and 72 of the pauper, class; and 127 females who are private patients, and 24 who are paupers. The pauper cases are those paid for by Guardians of Unions at charges slightly over those payable in the County Lunatic Asylums. There are 265 election cases, and 80 private patients for whom varying rates of payment are made.

Four of the patients are on leave with their friends, and four have been attacked by scarlatina, and are placed in the Lancaster Fever Hospital. These eight patients we have not seen. All the others we have seen in school, at dinner in the Hall, or in the several day-rooms. We are satisfied with the condition in which they are kept, and with the progress made in developing whatever of intelligence is found among them. Indeed a very high comparative standard has been reached in some instances, and many, both boys and girls, have been trained to habits of decency, and have been made useful in various ways.

It appears from the returns we have seen that 175 males and 97 females receive industrial training; and that about 214 of the former sex in the advanced classes, and 165 girls and young boys attend school. From 300 to 380 meet together at the entertainments, of which many are provided for their amusement, and about 62 patients attend Public Worship, while from 300 to 340 are present at family prayers.

Since the last visit by members of our Board, on April 17, 1880, 115 patients of all classes and both sexes have been admitted, 55 have been discharged, and 29 have died. One death resulted from scarlatina (of which, however, there have not been many cases), and 14 from diseases of the lungs. The causes of the

remaining deaths do not present any special feature. In 20 instances post-mortem examinations were made. It should be mentioned that two of the 29 deaths occurred at the patients' homes. There is no record of resort to seclusion, and only one case in which mechanical restraint was used, that of a boy who wore locked gloves for three weeks for surgical reasons.

The condition of the building is on the whole satisfactory. Some painting has been done, but more is needed. The rooms were clean and generally well ventilated—only one or two of the day-rooms occupied by children of the more degraded class being offensive. We are glad to find that the water closets in the basement on the female side will be done away with, and external earth closets with covered way will be substituted. This is a much needed alteration. To-day the closets in question were very offensive. The long talked of covered way to the external earth closets on the male side has not yet been provided. The erection of the detached hospital has been the principal structural work since the last visit.

We learn that the average weekly cost per head of the patients during the year 1880, was 13s. 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.

C. S. BAGOT,	} Commissioners in Lunacy.
ROBERT NAIRNE.	

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LANCASTER, 6TH OCTOBER, 1881.

The Accounts of the Royal Albert Asylum for the year ending 30th June, 1881, have been submitted to me for Audit, and after full and careful examination of the books of account, the vouchers for payments, and the bank books, I am able to certify to the perfect accuracy of the accompanying Balance Sheets. The books have been well and correctly kept.

The chief interest in the working of the Institution centres in the Maintenance Account, and an examination of this account year by year enables the subscribers to ascertain what has already been accomplished, and to form some idea of the extension of the work of the Institution, which may be undertaken in the immediate future. In the present account it will be seen that the expenses have exceeded the income by £719 16s. 9d., the year having opened with a balance in hand of £721 7s. 10d., and closed with a balance of only £1 11s. 1d. Compared with the previous year the expenditure shows an increase of £671 14s. 5d., whilst the average number of patients maintained has advanced from 415 in 1879-80 to 437 in 1880-81. Turning to the income of this account, it is disappointing to find that the large increase of several former years has now to be compared with an increase of only £161 13s. 2d. In the Payments for Patients there is a large increase, and the Annual Subscriptions are rather more than maintained, but in Donations there is a falling off of £975 3s. 9d. I venture to hope that the friends of the Institution will not allow this reduction to appear in any future balance sheet, for it is probable that the Asylum will have to rely mainly on Donations to the Maintenance Account for the means of extending its usefulness. A gradual but not a rapid growth may be expected in the other items of income, but it seems very desirable that the amount of the Donations should at once be largely increased.

The Sustentation Fund Account has been augmented by Legacies, Donations, and Life Interest Payments, amounting to £2,655 5s., and now stands at a total of £62,233 15s. 8d. I have seen the certificates of all the securities in which this sum is invested, and found them in proper order.

WILLIAM G. WELCH, AUDITOR.

RECEIPTS AND

From June 30th, 1880,

		Dr.		MAINTENANCE			
				£	s. d.	£	s. d.
To Balance, June 30th, 1880:—							
	Cash at Lancaster Bank			671	9 7		
	Cash in hands of Secretary.. .. .			49	18 3		
						721	7 10
„	Donations			718	17 0		
„	Annual Subscriptions			4,033	5 11		
„	Payments for Patients			7,038	16 1		
„	Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments			2,468	11 7		
„	Interest on Bank Deposits			81	10 9		
„	Rent			97	18 0		
„	Sundries			469	8 9		
						14,908	8 1
„	Farm Produce sold			298	17 11		
„	Farm Produce supplied to the Asylum			1,445	9 3		
„	Garden Produce sold			1	16 1		
„	Garden Produce supplied to the Asylum			301	11 7		
						2,047	14 10

£17,677 10 9

Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—October 6th, 1881.

WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

EXPENDITURE

to June 30th, 1881.

ACCOUNT.

	Cr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Expenses of General Annual Meeting at Newcastle-on-Tyne and of Local Committees, &c... ..		68 7 3	
„ Expenses of Election at Liverpool		42 14 11	
„ Printing 5,000 Sixteenth Annual Reports, Report of General Annual Meeting, Election Returns, Appeals, Pamphlets, and General Printing and Stationery ..		193 8 4	
„ General Advertising		13 18 1	
„ Postage of Letters, Reports, Appeals, Pamphlets, Voting Papers, &c.		67 0 9	
„ Offices (Lancaster and Manchester). Rent, Rates, Gas, Telegrams, Carriage, and Petty Cash Sundries ..		116 19 8	
		<hr/>	502 9 0
„ Salaries, Wages, and Travelling { Offices, £616 10s. 1d. } Expenses { Asylum, £4,031 1s. 9d. }		4,647 11 10	
„ Provisions .. { Purchased £4,015 19s. 9d. } { From Farm and Garden £1,747 0s. 10d. }		5,763 0 7	
Necessaries—			
Coals		539 9 11	
Gas		214 14 1	
Water		165 10 0	
General		329 8 5	
„ Clothing		1,140 7 8	
„ Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c.		51 17 10	
„ Asylum Postage		9 5 2	
„ Insurance		67 13 6	
„ Maintenance Sundries		215 13 3	
„ Workshops and Repairs		599 3 2	
„ Building Sundries		371 19 1	
„ Furniture—			
General.. ..		421 2 11	
Ironmongery		118 9 5	
Bedding		139 11 2	
House Linen		9 7 7	
Crockery and Sundries		62 12 8	
		<hr/>	14,866 18 3
„ Farm (including Stock, Implements, Fencing, &c.)		1,727 18 0	
„ Grounds and Garden Expenses		394 1 10	
		<hr/>	2,121 19 10
„ Property Expenses			43 8 6
„ Bank Interest, Commission, &c.			141 4 1
„ Balance, June 30th, 1881:—			
Cash at Lancaster Bank		94 11 6	
Less due to Secretary		93 0 5	
		<hr/>	1 11 1
			<hr/> <hr/>
			£17,677 10 9

RECEIPTS AND

From June 30th, 1880,

		GENERAL		
Dr.				
		£	s.	d.
To Donations	152 10 0			
„ Legacies	87 19 0			
„ Balance due to Lancaster Bank		1,821	0	7
		£2,061	9	7

		INFIRMARY					
Dr.							
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Instalment of Donation of £4000 from Edward Rodgett, Esq.					2000	0	0
„ Donation for Furnishing, transferred from General Account	150 0 0						
„ Donations for Furnishing	175 0 0						
					325	0	0
„ Bank Interest					5	16	3
					£2,330	16	3

Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—October 6th, 1881.

WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

EXPENDITURE

to June 30th, 1881.

ACCOUNT,

	Cr.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1880				1,455	12	10
„ Re-payment of excess obtained on foreclosure of Mortgage	426	9	7			
„ Donation transferred to Infirmary Account.. ..	150	0	0			
				576	9	7
„ Bank Interest				29	7	2
				<u>£2,061</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>

ACCOUNT.

	Cr.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Advertising for Tenders	24	10	2			
„ Water Pipes	17	10	3			
„ Builder.. .. .	1,100	0	0			
„ Architect	100	0	0			
				1,242	0	5
„ Bank Commission				0	18	7
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank				1,087	17	3
				<u>£2,330</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>

RECEIPTS AND

From June 30th, 1880,

		SUSTENTATION					
		Dr.					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To	Amount received to June 30th, 1880	..	..	..	59,578	10	8
„	Amount received during the year ending June 30th, 1881 :—						
	Donations	..	..	..	955	5	0
	Legacies	..	..	..	1,200	0	0
	Life Interest Payments..	..	..	..	500	0	0
					2,655	5	0
					£62,233 15 8		

Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—October 6th, 1881.

WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

EXPENDITURE

to June 30th, 1881.

FUND ACCOUNT.

	Cr.		
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
BY INVESTMENTS:—			
East Indian Railway Annuity, "Class B," £450 per annum (less Sinking Fund £30)		9,285 9 3	
£7,000 Madras Railway Stock; Interest at 5 per cent..		7,347 19 4	
£500 Madras Railway Debenture Bond; Interest at 4 per cent.		500 0 0	
South Eastern Railway Stock:			
£3,250 Consolidated Preference; Interest at 5 per ct.	}	6,257 16 10	
£800 Consolidated Guaranteed; " 4½ "			
£1,850 Consolidated Preference; " 4½ "			
£3,000 London and North Western Railway Consolidated Guaranteed; Interest at 4 per ct. }		2,703 2 6	
£6,500 London and North Western Railway Consolidated Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per ct. }		6,695 6 0	
£1,000 Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Debenture Stock; Interest at 4½ per cent }		1,000 0 0	
£5,000 Great Western Railway Consolidated Preference Stock; Interest at 5 per cent. }		5,829 14 0	
£1,200 North Eastern Railway Preference Stock; Interest at 4½ per cent }		1,212 10 0	
£2,250 Furness Railway Consolidated Guaranteed Stock; Interest at 4 per cent.. .. . }		2,070 12 6	
£2,850 Furness Railway Consolidated Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. }		2,766 17 3	
£600 Furness Railway Consolidated Preference Stock; Interest at 5 per cent... .. . }		619 14 6	
£5,400 Midland Railway Consolidated Perpetual Preference Stock; Interest at 5 per cent. .. }		6,949 4 9	
103 Midland Railway £16 Preference Shares; Interest at 5 per cent. }		1,993 0 0	
86 Lancaster Canal Shares; a yearly Dividend of £1 15s. per share guaranteed }		3,225 0 0	
.. Additional Land (13a. 3r. 11p.)			£58,456 6 11
.. Freehold Property.. .. .			2,670 0 0
			975 0 0
Balance at Lancaster Bank			132 8 9
			<u>£62,233 15 8</u>

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ON MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	1879-80.		1880-81.		EXPENDITURE.	1879-80.		1880-81.		Increase.	Decrease.
	Average No. of Patients 415.		Average No. of Patients 437.			Average No. of Patients 415.		Average No. of Patients 437.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Donations	1694	0 9	718	17 0	Expenses of General Annual Meeting & Local Committees	98	9 10	68	7 3		30 2 7
Annual Subscriptions	4017	5 10	4033	5 11	Election Expenses	109	0 5	42	14 11		63 5 6
Payments for Patients	5922	18 8	7083	16 1	Printing Annual Reports, Reports of Meetings, Election Returns, Appeals, Pamphlets, & General Printing and Stationery	278	10 10	193	8 4		85 2 6
Interest on Sustentation Fund					General Advertising	20	2 11	13	18 1		6 4 10
Investments	2510	19 2	2468	11 7	Offices (Lancaster & Manchester) Rents, Rates, Gas, Telegrams, and Petty Cash Sundries	75	13 1	67	0 9		8 12 4
Interest on Bank Deposits ..	135	5 1	81	10 9	Salaries, Wages, and Travelling Expenses	107	3 7	116	19 8	9 16 1	
Rent	99	17 6	97	18 0	Provisions	4863	16 11	4617	11 10	283 14 11	
Sundries	457	14 6	469	8 9	NECESSARIES:—	5552	19 4	5763	0 7	210 1 3	
Farm Produce sold	304	7 1	298	17 11	Coals	513	16 10	539	9 11	25 13 1	
Farm Produce supplied to the Asylum	1367	17 5	1445	9 3	Gas	202	12 7	214	14 1	12 1 6	
Garden Produce sold	3	3 8	1	16 1	Water	235	4 6	165	10 0	85 10 2	119 14 6
Garden Produce supplied to the Asylum	281	0 1	301	11 7	General	293	18 3	329	8 5	39 9 8	
					Clothing	1100	18 0	1140	7 8	85 7 6	9 5 1
					Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c.	61	2 11	51	17 10	332 5 0	59 0 2
					Insurance	82	6 0	67	13 6	137 14 3	
					Sundries	283	18 7	224	18 5	26 11 3	22 2 5
					Workshops, Repairs, &c.	266	18 2	599	3 2	56 3 11	56 3 11
					Building Sundries	234	4 10	871	19 1	290 6 9	290 6 9
					FURNITURE:—					35 10 10	35 10 10
					General	443	5 4	431	2 11		22 2 5
					Ironmongery	91	18 2	118	9 5		
					Gasfittings	56	3 11				
					Bedding	429	17 11	139	11 2		
					House Linen	44	18 5	9	7 7		
					Crocery and Sundries	31	10 3	62	12 8		31 2 5
					Farm Expenses	1524	7 3	1727	18 0		203 10 9
					Grounds and Garden Expenses	371	3 5	394	1 10		22 18 5
					Property Expenses	11	8 10	43	8 6		82 4 8
					Bank Interest, Commission, &c. .	118	19 2	141	4 1		22 4 11
NETT INCREASE £161 13s. 2d.	16794	9 9	16356	2 11	NETT INCREASE £671 14s. 5d.	17004	5 3	17675	19 8	1460 5 10	788 11 5
Balance at beginning of year.	931	3 4	721	7 10	Balance at end of year	721	7 10	1 11 1			
	17725	13 1	17677	10 9		17725	13 1	17677	10 9		

SUMMARY OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

(Including Donations to the General, Maintenance, and Sustentation Funds; and current Annual Subscriptions.)

FROM DISTRICTS WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD.

	Donations.			Annual Subscriptions.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
LANCASTER (1)	13971	18	8	375	0	0
MANCHESTER (2)	9473	1	6	359	19	6
LIVERPOOL (3)	9215	3	7	232	11	0
BRADFORD (4)	7563	18	3	223	2	6
PRESTON (5)	7370	18	2	66	13	6
ROCHDALE (6)	5807	7	0	184	19	6
LEEDS (7)	4292	18	8	103	3	6
HALIFAX (8)	4006	9	9	330	11	4
CUMBERLAND (CARLISLE &c.) (9)	3698	1	11	347	3	8
WESTMORLAND (10)	3550	18	8	98	15	0
CHESHIRE (CHESTER, STOCKPORT, &c.)	3250	11	5	155	17	0
YORK (11)	2415	13	4	99	0	6
SHEFFIELD	2340	11	9	143	18	0
NORTH LONSDALE (ULVERSTON, BARROW, &c.)	2336	16	8	51	9	0
OLDHAM (12)	1794	12	0	43	11	6
SETTLE	1256	19	11	46	14	6
SKIPTON	1182	6	10	23	12	6
BOLTON	1150	13	0	56	14	0
HUDDERSFIELD	1044	0	0	60	17	0
DURHAM	1029	5	1	103	4	6
NORTHUMBERLAND	968	11	8	54	1	6
BLACKBURN (13)	963	13	0	25	4	0
WAKEFIELD (14)	942	0	7	16	16	0
BURY	807	19	4	32	14	6
BURNLEY	783	7	6	20	15	0
WARRINGTON	761	2	6	10	10	0
KEIGHLEY	707	1	0	7	2	0
SOUTHPORT	700	12	6	75	1	0
DARLINGTON	673	12	0	61	1	6
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	561	7	0	15	15	0
WIGAN	486	19	0	41	9	6
SCARBOROUGH	303	0	0	12	12	0
SUNDERLAND	289	15	0	58	5	0
ST. HELENS	263	5	6	37	5	6
HULL	241	11	2	22	16	6
WHITBY	200	2	9	5	15	6
ROTHERHAM	199	12	6	16	3	6
DONCASTER	139	6	6	14	3	6
HARTLEPOOL	132	5	6	35	7	9
SOUTH SHIELDS	69	2	6	50	2	8
MIDDLESBROUGH	63	0	0	0	10	6
STOCKTON-ON-TEES	38	15	0	22	7	6
WEST HARTLEPOOL	31	8	6	31	8	6

June 30th, 1881.

JAMES DIGGENS, GENERAL SECRETARY.

- (1) The Lancaster Donations include £2050 from the late Mr. James Brunton; £1000 from the Lancaster Banking Company; and £1050 from Messrs. Storey Bros. and Co., who also contribute a Special Annual Subscription of £105 for five years.
- (2) The Manchester Donations include £1105 from the late John Fernley, Esq.; £1000 from the late Robert Barnes, Esq.; and £1000 from William Atkinson, Esq.
- (3) The Liverpool Donations include £1000 from Mrs. Chas. Turner.
- (4) The Bradford Donations include £5105 from the late Sir Titus Salt, Bart.
- (5) The Preston Donations include £4000 from E. Rodgett, Esq. and £675 10s. from Richard Newsham, Esq.
- (6) The Rochdale Donations include £525 from Richard Hurst, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, junr., Esq.; £500 from John Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; £500 from Joshua Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; and £500 from Samuel Fielden, Esq., Todmorden.
- (7) The Leeds Donations include £1052 10s. from Messrs. Joshua Tetley and Son; £525 from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lupton; and £500 from the late Miss Dawson, of Bramhope Manor, Otley.
- (8) The Halifax Donations include £525 from Joshua Appleyard, Esq.
- (9) The Cumberland Donations include £525 from the late Thomas Ainsworth, Esq., (Cleator); and £500 from the Right Hon. Lord Muncaster.
- (10) The Westmorland Donations include £675 from W. H. Wakefield, Esq.; and £400 from the late John Wakefield, Esq.
- (11) The York Donations include £1000 from A Friend, per the late Wm. Gray, Esq.
- (12) The Oldham Donations include £631 5s. from Asa Lees, Esq.
- (13) The Blackburn Donations include £525 from Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (14) The Wakefield Donations include £520 from the late Daniel Gaskell, Esq.

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. Senior Boys.	2. Proba- tionary Boys.	3. Infant Boys.	4. Girls.	
	200	29	73	152	454
I. SPEECH.					
1. Make no attempt	3	11	15	30	59
2. Make some attempt	7	7	11	8	33
3. Make a few articulate sounds	9	2	13	11	35
4. Speak indistinctly	23	3	7	15	48
5. Speak fairly	49	5	13	24	91
6. Speak well	109	1	14	64	188
					454
II. READING.					
1. Know no letters or words	49	27	51	80	207
2. Know a few letters	41	2	11	32	86
3. Know all the letters	13	0	3	10	26
4. Know at sight a few words	28	0	4	12	44
5. Read easy words and spell them.. ..	39	0	2	9	50
6. Read fairly*	30	0	2	9	41
<i>*57 Patients read books alone for amusement.</i>					454
III. WRITING.					
1. Do nothing but scribble.. .. .	32	27	33	55	147
2. Form strokes, &c., on slate	49	2	25	38	114
3. Do. do. in copy-book	22	0	9	26	57
4. Form letters in copy-book	27	0	2	16	45
5. Write easy words in copy-book	34	0	1	7	42
6. Write fairly*	36	0	3	10	49
<i>* 50 Patients write letters home with assistance and 19 without assistance.</i>					454
<i>520 Letters have been written and sent home during the past Year.</i>					
IV. ARITHMETIC.					
1. Cannot count at all	28	26	43	58	155
2. Count a little	49	3	19	38	109
3. Count up to 30.. .. .	27	0	7	24	58
4. Understand value of unit figures.. ..	55	0	2	23	80
5. Work simple addition sums	31	0	2	8	41
6. Work easy sums in simple rules * ..	10	0	0	1	11
<i>* 5 Boys work sums in the compound rules.</i>					454

TABLE OF SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS.—*continued.*

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS.				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Proba- tionary Boys.	3. Infant Boys.	4. Girls.	
	200	29	73	152	454
V. CLOCK LESSON.					
1. Know neither hours nor minutes	85	29	66	112	292
2. Know some of the hours	29	0	2	22	53
3. Know all the hours	34	0	4	13	51
4. Know the hours and quarters	18	0	0	0	18
5. Do. do. and 5 minutes	19	0	0	2	21
6. Can tell the time to a minute	15	0	1	3	19
					454
VI. SHOP LESSON.					
1. Know no coins nor weights	30	26	62	83	201
2. Know a few coins	36	3	10	51	100
3. Do. do. and weights	38	0	1	10	49
4. Know all the coins and some weights..	50	0	0	7	57
5. Know all the coins and weights and calculate a little	31	0	0	0	31
6. Do. do. and calculate fairly ..	15	0	0	1	16
					454
VII. COLOUR LESSON.					
1. Know no colours	34	25	53	72	184
2. Know black and white	15	0	5	17	37
3. Know one or two simple colours	19	2	11	36	68
4. Know all the simple colours	21	2	1	7	31
5. Do. do. and some compound shades	44	0	0	2	46
6. Know and can match most compound shades.. .. .	67	0	3	18	88
					454
VIII. MUSIC.					
1. No interest in musical sounds	0	0	2	18	20
2. Attentive to do. do.	1	11	32	44	88
3. Sing by ear simple tunes without words	80	13	16	34	143
4. Do. do. with words	108	5	23	54	190
5. Rudimentary knowledge of musical symbols	11	0	0	2	13
6. Sing from do. do.	0	0	0	0	0
					454
IX. DRILL.					
1. Have no idea of drill	0	4	10	21	35
2. Stand at attention when told	0	12	17	21	50
3. Perform simple movements of limbs ..	30	10	19	32	91
4. Go through extension movements fairly	68	3	14	20	105
5. Do. do. well and march	21	0	11	21	53
6. Do. do. do. to music	81	0	2	37	120
					454

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; occupation in a higher grade usually implying familiarity with the lower grades.

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.	Number employed in each grade, with quality of work.				Total number employed.
	In-different.	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	
I. TAILORING.					
1. Preliminary Work	2	2	1	0	5
2. Sewing Linings	0	3	5	1	9
3. Do. Seams	0	0	2	0	2
4. Felling	0	0	1	0	1
5. Making Garments	0	0	1	0	1
6. Machining.. .. .	0	0	0	0	0
					18 Tailors.
II. SHOEMAKING.					
1. Preliminary Work	1	3	0	0	4
2. Stitching Backs	0	1	0	0	1
3. Closing Sides	0	1	1	1	3
4. Patching and Nailing	0	0	0	0	0
5. Repairing	0	0	2	0	2
6. Bottoming (making)	0	0	1	0	1
					11 Shoemakers.
III. JOINERY.					
1. Preliminary work (use of tools)	0	2	9	1	12
2. Making pins, &c.	0	0	0	0	0
3. Making frames.. .. .	0	1	1	0	2
4. Making simple boxes, &c.	0	1	1	0	2
5. Dovetailing	0	0	3	0	3
6. Machine Work (boring at lathe)	0	0	0	0	0
					19 Joiners.
IV. GARDENING.					
1. Preliminary work in weeding-class ..	14	5	12	2	33
2. Barrow-filling and emptying.. .. .	1	1	1	0	3
3. Digging	0	0	4	2	6
4. Weeding amongst crops.. .. .	0	2	3	3	8
5. Picking peas, fruit, &c.	0	0	4	0	4
6. Potato-setting, &c.	0	0	0	0	0
					33 Weeding Boys 21 Gardeners.

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.	Number employed in each grade, and quality of work.				Total number em- ployed.
	Grades of Work.	In- different	Fair.	Good.		Ex- cellent.
V. FARMING.					
1. Preliminary work—weeding, &c.. ..	0	1	1	0	2
2. Cleaning yards, shippens, &c.	0	0	1	0	1
3. Feeding stock	0	0	1	0	1
4. Weeding amongst crops.. .. .	0	1	2	0	3
5. Harvesting					
<i>a</i> Gathering and raking	0	0	0	0	0
<i>b</i> Cutting and binding	0	0	1	0	1
6. Milking, &c.	0	0	2	1	3
11 Farm Boys.					
VI. INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SHOP.					
1. Picking Hair, Wool, &c	5	4	9	2	20
2. Plaiting Coir	1	0	0	1	2
3. Mat-making	0	0	2	0	2
4. Brush-filling	0	0	0	0	0
5. Palliasse and Mattress making	0	0	0	0	0
6. Basket-making	0	0	0	0	0
24 in Industrial Training Shop					
VII. MISCELLANEOUS OCCUPATIONS.					
1. Shoe-cleaning	1	4	9	1	15
2. Corridor-cleaning &c.	0	1	2	0	3
3. Laundry-work—mangling, &c., &c. ..	0	0	8	1	9
4. Store-work,—Kitchen and Dairy.. ..	0	0	5	4	9
5. Assisting Stoker	0	0	0	1	1
6. Assisting Plumber	0	0	1	0	1
38 miscellaneous employed.					

Total number of Boys employed in Industrial Occupations - - - 175.

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

20 Infant Boys receive special Industrial Lessons in School (not included in above tabulation.)

Six Boys (also otherwise employed) act as Messengers to Lancaster.

OCCUPATIONS OF GIRLS.	Number employed in each occupa- tion, and quality of work.				Total number em- ployed.
	Chief kinds of Occupation.	In- different.	Fair.	Good.		Ex- cellent.
1. Preliminary work—Industrial Class. ..	10	9	5	0	24
2. Sweeping—dusting, &c.	12	5	1	0	18
3. Bed-making	2	5	2	7	16
4. Scrubbing and general house-work ..	0	1	8	3	12
5. Laundry-work	0	4	5	3	12
6. * Sewing and knitting	0	1	7	4	12
94					

* In school 40 girls are engaged in preliminary work with needle, 30 hem, 20 sew fairly, 6 sew fairly and knit, and 13 sew fairly, knit, and do wool-work.

The number of Girls employed in Industrial occupations out of school is 70, and 24 other Girls receive special Industrial lessons in school, making total of 94 under Industrial Training.

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

Sept. 30, 1881.

TABLE

Showing condition of Patients discharged during year (57 weeks).

						Males.	Females.	Total
"Relieved."	{	Much improved	...	...	...	7	6	13
		Moderately improved	...	...	...	9	5	14
		Slightly improved	...	...	...	7	9	16
		Not improved	...	...	...	6	1	7
						29	21	50

Of the 7 cases returned as "not improved" 2 were discharged on account of Epilepsy, 2 on account of Insanity, 2 on account of destructive tendencies, and 1 because brought for admission with severe ringworm of scalp.

TABLE

Showing ages of Patients who have resided in the Asylum, and of those who have died, during the fifty-seven weeks included in the Medical Superintendent's General Report.

AGES On 1st January, 1881.	NO. OF EACH AGE RESIDENT.			NO. OF EACH AGE DECEASED.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
From 5 to 10 years ...	32	19	51	1	1	2
10 ,, 15 ,, ...	130	63	193	0	2	2
15 ,, 20 ,, ...	120	70	190	7	1	8
20 and upwards ...	62	25	87	5	0	5
	344	177	521	13	4	17

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,
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WORK DONE IN SHOPS, &c.

Department.	Made.	Repaired	Department.	Made.	Repaired
TAILOR.			GIRLS' WORKROOM AND WARDROBE.		
Coats	271	9	Frocks	62	778
Vests	270	4	Flannel Petticoats ..	34	559
Trousers	368	55	Flannel Vests	16	467
Overcoats	29	1	Jackets	16	29
Combination Suits.. ..	9	3	Ulsters	1	..
	947	72	Shawls .. .. .	..	20
TAILORESS.			Skirts	92	415
Coats.. .. .	36	1488	Hoods .. .. .	..	224
Vests	31	1219	Aprons	5	2
Trousers	52	3972	Pinafores	83	2847
Overcoats .. .. .	..	93	Chemises	55	791
Infant Boys' Garments ..	12	1740	Drawers	56	1220
Capes .. .. .	..	2	Skirts .. .. .	..	469
Loose Trousers Linings	37	..	Nightshirts .. .. .	..	156
Bed Ticks .. .. .	..	16	Nightdresses	20	840
Carpets .. .. .	..	57	Stockings .. .. .	..	832
	168	8587	Stays .. .. .	..	12
SHOEMAKER.			Collars .. .. .	..	6
Boots (pairs)	676	2074	Bows	76	..
UPHOLSTERER.			Tuckers	30	..
Mattresses	44	209	Infant Boys' Suits ..	4	..
Palliasses .. .. .	..	56	Table Covers	2	..
Wool Beds .. .. .	..	5	Toilet Covers	12	..
Pillows .. .. .	..	4		564	9667
Mops	30	..	LINEN ROOM.		
Mats	6	15	Sheets	293	422
Baskets .. .. .	..	54	Blankets .. .. .	..	56
	80	343	Counterpanes	14	378
BOYS' WARDROBE.			Bedcovers .. .. .	..	20
Shirts .. .. .	..	3534	Bolster Slips	137	207
Nightshirts .. .. .	..	983	Towels	124	119
Flannel Vests .. .. .	..	547	Table Cloths	15	123
Drawers .. .. .	..	54	Toilet Covers .. .. .	..	4
Socks and Stockings ..	..	4679	Bed Ticks	33	159
Coats.. .. .	..	261	Window Blinds .. .. .	..	3
Aprons	29	579	Chair Covers .. .. .	..	8
Bibs	7	2	Tea Cloths	33	2
Collars .. .. .	..	767	Kitchen Cloths	30	..
Hats .. .. .	..	423		679	1501
Linen Jackets .. .. .	..	24	PLUMBER.		
Beds .. .. .	..	10	All Plumbing, Glazing, and Smith's work.		
Blinds .. .. .	..	18	CARPENTER.		
	36	11881	All Joinery, Carpentry, Repairing Wooden Furniture, etc.		
			PAINTER.		
			Painting, Colouring, Limewashing, and Jobbing.		
			LAUNDRY.		
			Number of Pieces Washed :—		
			Sheets	30,711	
			Pinafores	28,735	
			Nightshirts	22,037	
			Nightdresses	15,461	
			Other articles	222,776	
				319,720	

JAMES DIGGENS, Secretary.

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. Dr. Allen, Vicar.
- Rev. C. J. Vaughan, D.D., (now Master of the Temple), at the Parish Church, Leeds; Rev. Dr. Atlay (now Lord Bishop of Hereford), Vicar.
- Rev. Dr. Allen, St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. J. Cooper Antliff, Stanley Street Chapel, Sheffield.
- Rev. Canon Ashwell (Chichester), Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.
- Rev. R. Atkinson-Grimshaw, Cockerham Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. W. C. Bache, (Alresford), Longridge Church, Preston.
- Rev. W. Baitey, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. P. Bartlett, Christ Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. Dr. Black, Newchurch Church, Warrington.
- Rev. G. L. Blake, St. Mary's Church, Ellel, Lancaster.
- Rev. W. O. Blunt, Parish Church, Chester-le-Street.
- Rev. Francis Bolton, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. John Bone, St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. J. Brack, Skerton Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. W. Bridges, Holme St. Cuthbert Church, Wigton.
- Rev. C. J. Bushell, Barkisland Church, Halifax.
- Rev. F. A. Cave B. Cave, Longridge Church, Preston.
- Rev. John Chadwick, Tatham Church, Bentham.
- Rev. S. Chapman, (Glasgow), Baptist Chapel, Rochdale.
- Rev. W. E. Chapman, (Brighton), St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.
- Rev. A. Christopherson, (Haverthwaite), Caton Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. T. J. Clarke, (York), at St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster; Rev. C. Campbell, Vicar.
- Rev. E. Dothie (London), High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. S. Earnshaw, at Parish Church, Sheffield; Rev. Rowley Hill (now Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man), Vicar.
- Rev. Canon Eden, Aberford Church, South Milford.
- Rev. J. Fleming, (London), at the Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. Dr. Flood, (Leeds), at Masham Church, Bedale; Rev. G. M. Gorham, Vicar.
- Rev. J. Francis, St. Anne's Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. E. Green, All Saints' Church, Cockermouth.
- Rev. Dr. Bedford Hall, St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.
- Rev. James Harrison, Barbon Church, Kirkby Lonsdale.
- 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, Parish Church, Lytham.
 Rev. Thos. Hayes, Bracewell Church, Skipton.
 Rev. T. C. Henley, Kirkby Malham Church, Bell Busk.
 Rev. Thompson Hesk, Wesley Chapel, Whitby.
 Rev. Rowley Hill, (now Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man) Parish Church, Sheffield.
 Rev. W. M. Hitchcock, Whitburn Church, Sunderland.
 Rev. A. Hodgkin, Treales Church, Kirkham.
 Rev. J. Holgate, Baptist Chapel, Salterforth.
 Ven. Archdeacon Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre, Garstang.
 Rev. Canon Hornby, St. Mary's Parish Church, Bury.
 Rev. Canon Hoskins, at All Saints' Church, Cockermouth; Rev. E. Green,
 Vicar.
 Rev. A. H. Hughes, Holy Trinity Church, Darlington.
 Rev. W. Jackson, Independent Chapel, Whitby.
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 Lancaster.
 Rev. E. C. Maclure, (Rochdale), Holy Trinity Church, Habergham Eaves,
 Burnley.
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 Rev. John Mathwin, West Pelton Church, Chester-le-Street.
 Rev. Thomas Meadows, Thornton Church, Poulton-le-Fylde.
 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. T. Pain, Warton Parish Church, Carnforth.
 Rev. R. C. Pattenson, Melmerby Church, Penrith.
 Rev. Wilson Pedder, Churchtown Church, Garstang.
 Rev. F. E. Perrin, Ribchester.
 Rev. G. Pickering, Trinity Church, Ulverston.

- Rev. W. E. Pryke, at Warton Church, and Priest Hutton Licensed Room;
Rev. T. H. Pain, Rector of Warton.
- 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. James Smith, Wicker Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.
- Rev. Jackson Smith, St. Thomas' Church, Leigh, Manchester.
- Rev. H. A. Starkie, Radcliffe Church, Manchester.
- Rev. Canon Stewart and Rev. John Creeser, St. John Baptist's Church,
Tue Brook, Liverpool; Rev. John C. Reade, Vicar.
- Rev. Geo. Style, M.A., Giggleswick, Settle.
- Rev. Alexander Thomson, D.D. (Manchester), at High Street Independent
Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. C. C. Tyte, Broompark Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.
- 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.
- Rev. W. Yates, Arley Parish Church, Northwich.

PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

- Anonymous, Huddersfield, two Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
 Allen, John, Hill Side, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Bailey, Miss, Clitheroe, Parcel of Illustrated Papers.
 Bairstow, Mrs. Matthew, Springfield, Cross Hills, Skipton, Parcel of "Graphics."
 Baxter, John, Bradford, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Blades, Mrs., Moor Platt, Caton, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Bolton, Master H., Lancaster, Balls &c. for Christmas Tree, and "Boy's Own Paper."
 Bone, Mrs., St. Thomas' Vicarage, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Clark, Miss, Queen Street, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Cox, H., Liverpool, a Zoetrope and Pictures, and £2 for Christmas Tree.
 Craven, Joseph, Thornton, Bradford, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Dawnay, the Hon. Miss, Beningbrough Hall, York, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Dixon and Ryder, the Misses, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Eckersley, Mrs., Standish Hall, Wigan, Toys and Pictures for Christmas Tree.
 Edge, W., Bolton-le-Moors, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Edmondson, Miss M. E., Gresgarth Hall, Lancaster, Parcel of Illustrated Papers.
 Edwards, Mrs., Liverpool, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Elsley, Miss F., York, Christmas Cards.
 Erving, Miss E. M., Liverpool, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Firth, Mrs., Lyddon Terrace, Leeds, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Fortune, Miss, Bingley, Toys and Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Gorrill, Mrs., The Elms, Lancaster, Toys and Books for Christmas Tree.
 Grant, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Hadwen, Mrs., Ashfield, Lancaster, Dolls, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Hall, William, Chemist, Lancaster, Candles for Christmas Tree.
 Hall, Mrs. Inglis, Lancaster, Toys and Woollen Articles for Christmas Tree.
 Hampson, Mrs., Crosslands, Lancaster, Scrap Albums for Christmas Tree.
 Harris, Mrs. S. J., Queen Street, Lancaster, Case of Oranges and Apples for Christmas Tree.
 Harvey and Reynolds, Leeds, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Heywood, John, Manchester, Christmas Cards and Nursery Rhymes for Christmas Tree.
 Hodgson, Mrs., Westbourne Terrace, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Holden, Mrs., Slyne House, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Howitt, Thomas, F.R.C.S., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Hurst, Richard, Rochdale, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Jeeves, Mrs., London, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Johnson, Christopher, F.R.C.S., Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Johnson, Miss Alice, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Lancaster Co-operative Society, Mixed Fruit for Christmas Tree.
 Langshaw, Major, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Lamport, Miss, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Lloyds, Miss, Stockton Hall, York, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Long, Robert, Stockton-on-Tees, Picture Pocket-handkerchiefs.
 Mannington, Mrs., Mrs. Breach, and Miss Franklin, Leeds, Toys, Books, Pictures, Woollen Articles, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Melson, Miss, Lancaster Castle, Woollen Articles for Christmas Tree.
 Milner, Messrs, Lancaster, Toy Books for Christmas Tree.
 Mitchell, R. M., Dewsbury, Toys and Bon-bons for Christmas Tree.
 Moon, J. C., Thornycroft, Lancaster, Barrels of Apples for Christmas Tree.
 Nelstrop, Mrs., Ackworth Lodge, Scrap Books.
 Nicholls, H., The Bazaar, Windermere, Books, Pictures, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Openshaw, Miss, Bury, Box of Toys, Dolls, &c.
 Paley, Mrs., Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.

- Pickard, Mrs., Oak Bank, Lancaster, Packet of Worsted and Wools.
 Rathbone, Mrs. Theodore, Neston, Cheshire, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Rawson, Mrs. F. E., Thorpe, Halifax, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Render, A., Manchester, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Reynolds, Mrs., Leeds, Scrap Album for Christmas Tree.
 Ravis, M., Helmsley, 7s. for Christmas Tree.
 Rodgett, Mrs. E., Darwen Bank, Preston, Illustrated Papers and Periodicals for Christmas Tree.
 Rodgers, Rev. T., Accrington, Books for Christmas Tree.
 Roper, Mrs. and Misses, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Sanderson, Mrs., Bank House, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Shaw, Mrs., Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Shaw, Mrs., Stretford, Manchester, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Sharpe, Mrs. E., Quarry Hill, Lancaster, 10s. for Amusement Fund.
 Sharpe, Mrs. E. and the Misses, Box of Dresses for Entertainment Purposes.
 Sherson, the Misses, Lancaster, Toys and Cases of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Sheriff, Mrs., Walnut Bank, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Simpson, M., Queen Street, Lancaster, Illustrated Periodicals for Christmas Tree.
 Simpson, the Misses, Lancaster, Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Simpson, Miss, Queen Square, Lancaster, Woollen Articles for Christmas Tree.
 Smithson, Mrs., Slaidburn, Christmas Cards.
 Stephenson, Mrs., Preston, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Steele, J., Shudehill, Manchester, Christmas Cards.
 Storey, Mrs., Westfield House, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Storey, Miss, Fairfield, Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Taylor, Mrs., Doncaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Threlfall, The Misses, Lancaster, Scrap Albums for Christmas Tree.
 Tyler, Miss, Lanchester, Durham, Articles of Clothing, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Walker, Miss L. B., Wanstead, a Cuckoo Clock, &c.
 Waring, William, Bradford, Cases of Oranges and a Barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.
 Welch, Ald., Lancaster, Barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.
 Welch, W. G., Lancaster, Box of Oranges and Boxes of Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Williams, Miss, Stalybridge, Parcel of Music.
 Winmarleigh, Lord, £2 for Christmas Tree.
 Wood, Mrs., Wetherby, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Wood, Thomas, Hook Howden, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Small sums, for Christmas Tree, 10s.
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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	312	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 various 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 Imbeciles 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	2,395,569	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.

LIST OF PLACES

FROM WHICH THE PRESENT INMATES HAVE BEEN ADMITTED.

LANCASHIRE.

	No.		No.
Accrington.. .. .	1	Manchester and Salford	41
Ashton-under-Lyne	3	Molecambe, Lancaster	1
Askham-in-Furness.. .. .	1	Mossley	1
Bacup.. .. .	1	Oldham	15
Barrow-in-Furness	3	Over-Wyresdale, Lancaster	1
Barrowford, Burnley	1	Poulton-le-Fylde, Preston	1
Bedford-Leigh	4	Prescot, Liverpool	3
Bolton-le-Moors	9	Preston	13
Blackburn	4	Quernmore, Lancaster	1
Blackley, Manchester	1	Rawtenstall	2
Blackpool	2	Rochdale	8
Blackrod, Wigan	1	Royton, Oldham	1
Burnley	3	St. Helens	3
Bury	2	Southport	2
Cartmel, Ulverston	1	Standish, Wigan	1
Clitheroe	1	Stockport	1
Farnworth, Bolton-le-Moors	1	Stretford, Manchester	2
Grange-over-Sands	1	Turton, Bolton-le-Moors.. .. .	1
Haslingden	1	Tyldesley	1
Haverthwaite, Ulverston	1	Walton-le-Dale, Preston.. .. .	1
Irlam, Manchester	1	Warrington	2
Kent's Bank, Carnforth	1	Whittle, Chorley	1
Kirkham, Preston	1	Wigan.. .. .	1
Lancaster	7		
Liverpool	43		200
Maghull, Ormskirk	1		

YORKSHIRE.

Barnsley	5	Middlesborough	2
Beeston Hill, Leeds.. .. .	1	Mirfield	1
Beverley	1	Norland, Halifax	1
Bingley	1	Northallerton	3
Bradford	12	Pontefract	1
Brighouse, Halifax	2	Richmond	2
Burley-in-Wharfedale	1	Ripon	3
Castleford	1	Rotherham	7
Crackley Forton, Driffield	1	Saltaire	1
Dewsbury	3	Sandal, Wakefield	1
Doncaster	4	Scarborough	2
Ganton, Scarborough	1	Scotton, Knaresbro'	1
Goole	2	Sheffield	13
Guisborough	2	Shipley, Bradford	2
Halifax	7	Skipton	1
Harrogate	1	Slaidburn	1
Hebden Bridge.. .. .	2	South Milford	1
Heckmondwike.. .. .	1	Sowerby Bridge, Halifax	2
Hooke, Selby	1	Steeton, Keighley	1
Huddersfield	8	Waddington	1
Hull	7	Wakefield	3
Hunton, Catterick	1	West Cottingwith	1
Idle, Bradford	1	Wetherby	2
Ilkley	1	Whitby	2
Keighley	3	York	5
Kirkby Malham, Settle	1		
Leeds	17		148

DURHAM.

	No.		No.
Bishop Auckland	2	Seaham Harbour	1
Blackhill	1	South Shields	1
Brandon	1	Stockton-on-Tees	1
Castle Eden	1	Sunderland	2
Chester-le-Street	2	Tyne Docks	1
Darlington	5	West Hartlepool	1
Durham	4	West Rainton	1
Felling	1	Willington	2
Gateshead	3		
Hartlepool	2		
Hetton-le-Hole	1		
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CHESHIRE.

Adlington	1	Northwich	2
Alderley Edge	1	Ridley, Tarporley	1
Altrincham	1	Stalybridge	1
Birkenhead	4	Stok, Chester	1
Chester	7	Tarvin	1
Christleton, Chester	1	Warrington	1
Crewe	1	Weaverham	1
Higher Kinnerton	1		
Higher Tramere, Birkenhead	1		
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NORTHUMBERLAND.

Alnwick	1	South Side, Lesbury	1
Benwell	1	Tynemouth	5
Morpeth	1	Tweedmouth	1
Newcastle-on-Tyne	5		
North Shields	1		
Scremerston	1		
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CUMBERLAND.

Alston	1	Penrith	1
Carlisle	4	Seaton Moor	1
Cockermouth	2	Sebergham	1
Dalston	1	Silloth	1
Harrington	3	Winscales	1
Keswick	1	Workington	2
Matterdale	1		
Millom	1		
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WESTMORLAND.

Grasmere	1	Stainton, Milnthorpe	1
Holme	1	Windermere	2
Kendal	1		
Kirkby Lonsdale	1		
Kirkby Stephen	1		
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SUMMARY.

LANCASHIRE	200
YORKSHIRE	148
DURHAM	33
CHESHIRE	26
CUMBERLAND	21
NORTHUMBERLAND	17
WESTMORLAND	8
	<hr/> 453
OTHER COUNTY	1
TOTAL	<hr/> 454

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES
AT THE
ELECTION OF PATIENTS HELD AT LIVERPOOL,
June 13th, 1881.

LANCASHIRE.	Votes.
John Hinde, Skerton, Lancaster	10623
Walter Langton, Openshaw, Manchester	8263
John Leaver, Tyldesley	6878
Geo. Henry Chadwick, Stretford, Manchester	6573
Annie Ralph, Lancaster	6554
Ernest G. C. Buchanan, Manchester	6129
David Burgess, Penwortham, Preston.....	5906
Elizabeth Dyson, Rochdale	5572
Joseph Burgess, Penwortham, Preston	5488
Thomas Burns, Liverpool	5193
Thomas Robson, Leigh	5136
Annie Maria Thornborough, Liverpool	4683
Emily Clegg, Smallbridge, Rochdale	4562
Ellen Holmes, Leyland, Preston	4459
James Clerke, Swinton, Manchester.....	4034
William Hurst, Blackburn	4011
Emma Potts, Oldham	3522
Thomas Bridgewood, Hurst, Ashton-under-Lyne	3416
YORKSHIRE.	
Ashworth Marshall, Sowerby Bridge	4432
Albert Edmund Cockerline, Hull	3685
Jane Topham, Newton, Slaidburn	3650
Margaret Jane Bell, York	3508
Annie Terry, Leeds	3160
Sam Helliwell, Halifax	3030
William Teasdale, Masham, Bedale	2965
John Akeroyd, Barnsley	2934
Arthur Shepherd, Great Horton, Bradford	2898
John Bentley, Netherton, Wakefield.....	2746
Arthur N. Shann, Leeds.....	2635
Annie Seed, Huddersfield	2572
Caroline Wright, Walkley, Sheffield.....	2198
Mary Jane Pattison, Thornton-le-Beans, Northallerton	2194
CHESHIRE.	
Philip Cliff, Adlington, Macclesfield.....	253
WESTMORLAND.	
Sarah Jane Tebay, Storrs, Windermere	476
Catherine Roylance Wood, Stainton, Milnthorpe	363
CUMBERLAND.	
Charles Cleasby, Haverigg, Millom	991
DURHAM.	
Mary Pringle, Houghton-le-Spring	885
John Edwin Newton, Bishop Auckland	876
Amelia W. Spurgeon, Felling, Gateshead	522
NORTHUMBERLAND.	
Margaret Ann Charlton, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne.	

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