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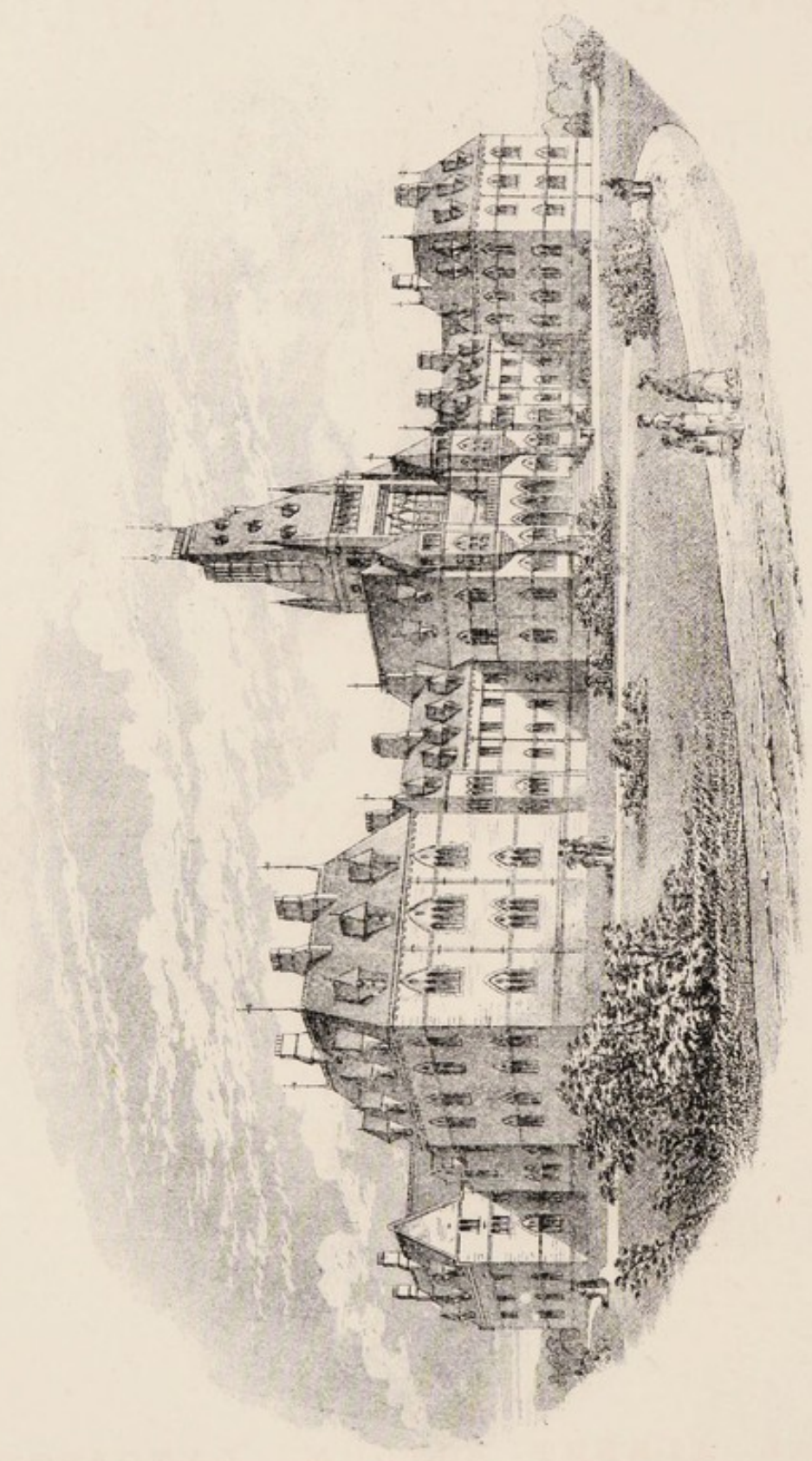
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FOR THE CARE, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING OF

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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS,

BELONGING TO

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

TWENTY-SECOND 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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SEPTEMBER, 1886.

ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM
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CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS

The Royal Albert Asylum is open for Inspection
On Mondays and Thursdays only, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

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

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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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Miss Isabella Elleray, Cartmel	50	0	0
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P R O S P E C T U S .

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 Census of 1881 was 32,717. Of these, 8,764 belong to the Seven Counties, 2,422 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 organisation, 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, sensua., and depraved." The late Dr. Seguin, the distinguished physician, who may be regarded as the pioneer in this noble work, said, 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 40 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 105 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, 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, subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Asylum.
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 537 patients now in the Asylum, 251 belong to Lancashire, 174 to Yorkshire, 33 to Durham, 33 to Cheshire, 21 to Cumberland, 15 to Northumberland, 7 to Westmorland. Three full payment cases belong to counties not included in the Asylum district.

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. 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 the accommodation provided is not yet fully 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.

WINMARLEIGH, *Chairman of the Central Committee.*

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September, 1886.

JAMES DIGGENS, *General Secretary*

The ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM having been established for the benefit of all classes of Idiots and Imbeciles, the Central Committee have recently purchased a Detached House with extensive private grounds, in convenient proximity to the Asylum Estate, as a Home for special Private Patients attending the Schools and other Occupations at the Institution. BRUNTON HOUSE will combine, for Private Patients paying remunerative rates, the seclusion and comforts of a Private Residence with the hygienic, educational, and training resources of a Public Institution under responsible management.

ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM

FOR

IDIOTS AND IMBECILES OF THE NORTHERN COUNTIES,
LANCASTER.

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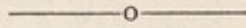
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GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING AT DURHAM.



The GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Subscribers to the Royal Albert Asylum was held at the Town Hall, Durham, on Friday, September 24th, 1886 ;

THE VERY REV. THE DEAN OF DURHAM,
(DR. W. C. LAKE),

PRESIDING.

The Proceedings having been opened with Prayer, the Report of the Central Committee was presented by the General Secretary (Mr. James Diggens), and the Chairman addressed the Meeting. The General Secretary then read the List of Successful Candidates at the Election of Patients held on the same day.

The following RESOLUTIONS were unanimously passed :—

- 1.—That this Meeting approves and adopts the Report now presented, and expresses its hearty satisfaction at the encouraging proofs of steady and substantial progress which it records ; and this Meeting, whilst gratefully acknowledging the generous support which the Royal Albert Asylum has hitherto received, earnestly commends the benevolent objects of the Asylum to the cordial sympathy and increased liberality of all classes in the Associated Counties.

Moved by W. H. Higgin, Esq., Q.C., Lancaster ; seconded by the Ven. Archdeacon Hamilton, Durham ; supported by Chas. F. Tetley, Esq., Leeds.

- 2.—That the best thanks of this Meeting be given to the Officers and Collectors of the Ladies' Associations now in operation to promote the objects of the Royal Albert Asylum ; and this Meeting, believing that such Associations are among the most useful agencies of the Institution, invites the co-operation of the County and Local Committees to assist in organising Ladies' Associations in districts where they do not at present exist.

Moved by the Master of University College (Rev. A. Plummer, D.D.) ; seconded by J. P. Chamberlain Starkie, Esq., Lancaster.

- 3.—That the thanks of the Subscribers be given to the Lancaster Members of the Central Committee for their past services ; and, in compliance with Rule 24, this Meeting 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 Arthur H. Heywood, Esq., Windermere ; seconded by the Rev. John Burdon, Castle Eden.

- 4.—That the following Noblemen and Gentlemen (with power to add to their number) be invited to the act as the County of Durham Committee in furtherance of the interests of the Royal Albert Asylum.

THE VERY REV. THE DEAN OF DURHAM.	REV. W. GREENWELL, D.C.L., F.R.S., Durham.
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W. GRAY, ESQ., West Hartlepool,	JOHN SHIELDS, ESQ., Durham
	LIEUT.-COLONEL MONKS, Hon. Sec. } Joint
	JAMES DIGGENS, General Sec. } Secs.

Moved by Albert Greg, Esq., Lancaster; seconded by Dr. G. H. Philipson, F.R.C.P., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

- 5.—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Honorary Auditor, the Rev. C. Twemlow Royds, and to the Professional Auditor, Mr. W. G. Welch, for their Audit of the Accounts of the Institution, and for their examination of the Securities held on the Sustentation Fund Account; and this Meeting, in compliance with Rule 34, hereby appoints for the ensuing year James Carter Moon, Esq., as Honorary Auditor, and Mr. W. G. Welch, as Professional Auditor.

Moved by Alderman Chas. Brown, Chester; seconded by W. I. R. Crowder, Esq., Carlisle.

- 6.—That, circumstances permitting, the next General Annual Meeting of this Institution be held at Halifax, on Wednesday, September 28th, 1887; and that notice thereof be given in the Halifax, Durham, Newcastle, Carlisle, Lancaster, Kendal, York, Leeds, Bradford, Sheffield, Huddersfield, Manchester, Liverpool, and Chester Newspapers.

Moved by T. W. Backhouse, Esq., Sunderland; seconded by the Rev. Professor Pearce, D.C.L., Durham.

- 7.—A cordial Vote of Thanks to the Chairman was moved by R. Benson Jowitt, Esq., Leeds; seconded by J. G. Hargreaves, Esq., Durham.



REPORT

Presented at the General Annual Meeting,

Held at the Town Hall, Durham, September 24th, 1886.

THE Central Committee have the pleasure to present their Twenty-second Annual Report. Since the last Meeting held in Durham in the year 1875, great and most gratifying progress has been made, both as regards the financial position of the Institution and the number of the beneficiaries. There was then a heavy debt of £11,581 due to the bankers on General Fund Account, for the estate, buildings, &c., with the prospect of considerable expenditure in addition; and the Sustentation Fund was less than one-half of what it is now. The number of patients was then 250, and it is now 537. It is with much satisfaction and gratitude that this progress is reviewed, as in no part of the extensive district of the Seven Northern Counties has the Asylum been more earnestly supported than in the City and County of Durham. It was in February, 1868, that the first meetings in Durham were held under the presidency, respectively, of the late Marquis of Londonderry (then Earl Vane), and of the Mayor. One of its most ardent promoters was the gifted authoress, the late Miss Dora Greenwell, whose

Durham
Support.

great services to the Institution have been repeatedly and gratefully acknowledged; and much invaluable help was also, for many years, received from the late Archdeacon Bland, as chairman of the Durham Committee, who presided at the Annual Meeting held at Durham in 1869. The Durham Ladies were the first to accept the invitation of the Central Committee to form a Ladies' Association, and their excellent example has been followed in other counties and districts, with advantageous results far beyond the most sanguine anticipations of the Committee. The deep obligations of the Institution to the late Miss Jane Hays, and to the ladies associated with her, in the formation of such an auxiliary, ought never to be forgotten. By these agencies no less a sum than £13,349 18s. 8d. has been collected, in amounts ranging from a penny to a hundred pounds. Among the most active pioneers of the work in the County of Durham, the Central Committee are glad to recognise Lieut.-Colonel Monks, who, as honorary secretary of the County Committee, still takes a lively interest in the welfare of the Institution. To the influential support and eloquent advocacy of the late Bishop of Durham (Dr. Baring), the Institution is much indebted; the late Dean (Dr. Waddington), has taken rank among its most munificent benefactors; and the late Archdeacon Prest was an earnest supporter. With this encouraging retrospect, the Committee cannot entertain any doubt that the County of Durham will continue to make strenuous efforts to maintain its honourable place among the Counties associated in the establishment and support of the Royal Albert Asylum.

No rule has been more conducive to the diffusion of a widespread interest in the Institution than that which requires the General Annual Meetings to be held in different centres successively; and all parts of the Northern Counties have thus been visited from time to time. Several public meetings, at intervals extending over a period of fifteen years, have been held at Carlisle. The last General Annual Meeting took place in that city, when the Chairman of the Cumberland Committee, the Lord Bishop of Carlisle, presided, and delivered an able, vigorous, and thoughtful address, in which the pleas for the education of the imbecile were urged with

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Meeting at
Carlisle.

characteristic pathos and eloquence. The address has been reprinted, but an extract is here subjoined:—

“ He considered it not only a duty, but a great privilege to be able to take part in work of this kind. If there was anything which appealed to the kindly heart, it was the position of a young boy or girl who ought to be in a position to earn their own livelihood, but was unable to do so in consequence of weakness of intelligence. The position was bad enough for those who had all the comforts of life that wealth could give, but to the poorer class of people it was a terrible affliction indeed. (Hear, hear). Therefore if there was any one thing one would desire to do for the benefit of our poor neighbours it would be that of assisting those who were so weak-minded as not to be able to assist themselves. (Hear, hear.) And although those poor creatures were weak-minded they were not beyond good, moral, and even religious influences. He was very much struck with this thought when the other evening in that hall he had seen the second portion of *Pilgrim's Progress* represented by Dr. George Macdonald's family. When he saw Mr. Feeblemind represented on the stage he could not help thinking that though the man had a very feeble mind yet, if not developed in this world, it might, perhaps, be developed in the Celestial City when the Blessed Messenger was sent to summon it. So it might be with many of these poor creatures. It might be that, in the future condition, when all things were made new, when the first should be last and the last should be first, then we might find some of these feeble-minded creatures thought worthy to sit down with their more gifted brethren at the marriage supper of the Lamb. (Cheers). But whatever might be their future, let them remember with regard to the present that Christ said, “ Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.” These feeble-minded children were perhaps the “ lowest ” of Christ's brethren, but still they were Christ's brethren. Christ loved them, Christ died for them, Christ is willing to receive them, Christ will bless those that are good and kind to them in this present life.” (Cheers.)

Speech of the
Bishop of
Carlisle.

The most grateful acknowledgments are tendered to his Lordship for his unfailing kindness and courtesy, and for his stimulating appeals which have been powerfully influential far beyond the meetings to which they were addressed.

In connection with the last Annual Meeting there was an Election of Fifty Patients, at which Mr. W. H. Wakefield, Chairman of the Westmorland Committee, presided. On both occasions there was a large and influential attendance of members of the Central Committee from all parts of the North of England.

Election of
Patients at
Carlisle.

The financial progress of the year has been satisfactory. The total amount received from all sources has been £28,382 7s. 1d. Of that sum £19,170 4s. 2d. was received

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Progress.

for the Maintenance Fund; £8,191 5s. od. for the Sustentation Fund; and £1,020 17s. 11d. for the Recreation Hall Fund. The Annual Subscriptions have increased from £4,129 12s. 5d. to £4,671 10s. 6d; the Maintenance Donations from £1,199 8s. 11d. to £1,455 11s. 6d.; the Payments for Patients from £8,314 1s. 2d. to £8,494 2s. 6d.; and the Interest and Dividends from the Sustentation Fund Investments from £3,440 11s. 3d. to £3,697 19s. 4d.

Investments.

The sum of £5,568 15s. has been invested in the purchase of £5,500 of Canadian Government Inscribed Stock at 4 per cent; and £3,142 15s. in the purchase of £3,000 Victorian Government Inscribed Stock at 4 per cent. The 86 Lancaster Canal Shares have been exchanged for £3,763 of London and North Western Railway 4 per cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock.

Contributions from the Associated Counties.

The Contributions from the Associated Counties are detailed in the following Table :—

COUNTIES.	MAINTENANCE FUND.						SUSTENTATION FUND.		TOTAL.
	Annual Subscriptions.		Donations		Legacies.		Legacies.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
LANCASHIRE	1789	14	0	709	8	2	2300	0	0
YORKSHIRE	1505	6	1	153	2	0	391	5	0
CHESHIRE	427	6	4	236	10	10			
WESTMORLAND	120	0	0	9	8	0			
CUMBERLAND	362	3	0	39	5	6			
DURHAM.....	428	4	1	7	17	0	5000	0	0
NORTHUMBERLAND.....	38	17	0	300	0	0			
	4671	10	6	1455	11	6	7691	5	0
							13868	7	0

Annual Subscriptions.

The gross total of the previous year's Contributions from the Associated Counties was £15,827 14s. 4d., the excess being due to the sum of £10,405 received from Legacies, of which Lancashire contributed £9,105. The Annual Subscriptions from Lancashire have risen from £1,517 11s. 6d. to £1,789 14s. od.; from Cheshire they have increased from £140 9s. od. to £427 6s. 4d; whilst from Yorkshire they have slightly declined, viz., from £1,517 9s. 2d. to £1,505 6s. 1d. This retrograde step on the part of Yorkshire is not likely to be more than temporary, as its interest in the Asylum is unabated, and at the election of patients to-day, it presents 46 candidates for admission as against 43 from Lancashire.

The more favourable position of both Lancashire and Cheshire, as regards annual subscriptions and donations, is owing to the two new Ladies' Associations in Manchester and Cheshire. The initiation of both these Associations was mainly the work of the Mayors of Manchester and Chester, to whose kind exertions the Central Committee are deeply indebted. The lack of adequate support from Cheshire had often been referred to, but without securing the additional assistance needed. The Mayor of Chester (Ald. C. Brown), with the co-operation of the Mayoress (Miss Brown), undertook to promote the object, and the distinguished patronage and influence of the Duke and Duchess of Westminster were enlisted. His Grace presided at a meeting of Ladies (convened by the Mayor and Mayoress) at the Town Hall, Chester, on the 12th of October. The claims of the Institution were ably explained by the noble Chairman, and by the deputation, Messrs. J. P. C. Starkie and Thos. Storey, vice-chairmen of the House Committee of the Asylum, and a committee of influential ladies was formed, with Her Grace the Duchess of Westminster as President. Meetings of the committee were subsequently held under the presidency of Her Grace, and the Cheshire Ladies' Association was organised. Mrs. Stubbs kindly accepted the treasurership, and Miss Brown (one of the vice-presidents) acted as honorary secretary for Miss Howson, who was grievously suffering from family bereavements. The Association has branches, with an efficient staff of lady collectors, in Chester, Tarvin, Frodsham, Nantwich, Middlewich, Northwich, Delamere, Tarporley, Broxton, Tattenhall, Malpas, Chelford, Knutsford, Bowdon, Wirral (Neston, Birkenhead, Woodchurch, Wallasey, &c.), and Stalybridge. Other portions of the county, as Macclesfield, Stockport, &c., will be included in the scheme, as the co-operation of ladies in those districts can be obtained. The amount collected by this Association was:—Annual subscriptions, £278 19s. 10d.; donations, £230 4s. 3d.: total, £509 4s. 1d. Cheshire, which has hitherto been comparatively sluggish in its support of the Asylum, now takes a more worthy place among the Associated Counties, and acquires a greater interest in its advantages.

New Ladies'
Associations.

Cheshire
Ladies'
Association.

Manchester
District Ladies'
Association.

Manchester had contributed handsomely to the Building Fund, but considering the large number of cases which it sent to the Asylum, its support of the Maintenance Fund was not commensurate with the benefits it received. At the suggestion of the Mayor (Ald. P. Goldschmidt), an earnest and generous friend of the Institution, a small preliminary conference was arranged between several ladies and active members of the Local Committee; and the Mayor kindly undertook to convene in the Town Hall a meeting of ladies resident in Manchester and its vicinity. His Worship presided, and was supported by Lord Egerton of Tatton, Chairman of the Manchester and Salford Local Committee; Lady Egerton of Tatton; the Mayor of Salford; the Mayor and Mayoress of Rochdale; Canon Maclure, Vicar of Rochdale; Mr. R. Hurst, Rochdale; the Rev. D. Davis, Lancaster; Mr. Oliver Heywood, Mr. J. W. Maclure, Mr. A. Simpson, Mr. G. W. Rayner Wood, Mr. Gerald Peel, and other members of the local committee. Another admirable address in behalf of the Asylum was delivered by Lord Egerton. A large Committee of ladies was appointed with Lady Egerton of Tatton as President; the Hon. Mrs. Algernon Egerton and the Mayoress of Manchester as vice-presidents; and Mrs. W. H. Aders as honorary secretary. Upon Mrs. W. H. Aders the work of organisation chiefly devolved, and it has been most efficiently carried out and with the most successful financial results. At the suggestion of the Mayor of Manchester, Rochdale was included in the district of the Association; and, with the kind co-operation of the Mayoress of Rochdale (Mrs. J. R. Heape), Mrs. C. M. Royds, and other ladies, a Rochdale Branch was established. The amount which has been obtained by the entire Association is as follows:—*Manchester and Salford*, Annual Subscriptions, £259 15s. 6d.; Donations, £249 1s. 0d.; total, £508 16s. 6d. : *Rochdale*, Annual Subscriptions, £77 12s. 0d.; Donations, £159 14s. 7d.; total, £237 6s. 7d.: gross total, £746 3s. 1d. In connection with this Association may be specially mentioned a handsome donation of £100 from Miss Pickup; also £10 10s. from Mr. Ellis Lever, and £10 from Mr. F. Modera. It is the desire of the Committee of this Association to have the co-operation of ladies resident in

the districts of Ashton, Bury, Bolton, and Oldham, and they will gratefully welcome any assistance which may be offered. It is hoped that such associations may be formed in other parts of Lancashire, as well as of Yorkshire, for no more valuable agencies can be organised for the benefit of the Institution. All the Ladies' Associations hitherto established have been remarkably successful, both in obtaining funds and in extending a practical interest in the Institution. Contributions have thus been obtained which would otherwise have been quite lost to this benevolent work, as they are the offerings of people in very moderate circumstances, and have consisted mostly of small amounts not at all likely to have been forwarded directly to the Asylum treasury. As will be seen in comparing the following table with that in the last Report, the amounts collected fluctuate somewhat from year to year, but the aggregate sum collected is well sustained and forms an important item of income. Westmorland and Northumberland are now the only two of the Associated Counties in which such auxiliaries do not exist, and the Central Committee again appeal to the Committees of those Counties to help them to establish Ladies' Associations. They trust that the appeal will receive a ready and generous response. Northumberland, with its contribution of £38 17s. in Annual Subscriptions, is greatly in arrear in its support of the Asylum.

Appeal for
Additional
Ladies'
Associations.

The sums collected by the existing Ladies' Associations during the year are as follows:—

Contributions
Collected by
Ladies'
Associations.

	Annual Subscriptions.		Donations.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT	259	15 6	249	1 0	508	16 6
" " (ROCHDALE BRANCH)	77	12 0	159	14 7	237	6 7
CHESHIRE	278	19 10	230	4 3	509	4 1
DURHAM	301	7 7	...	...	301	7 7
CUMBERLAND... ..	244	19 10	24	4 2	269	4 0
HALIFAX... ..	241	18 11	14	16 6	256	15 5
BRADFORD	187	7 3	35	2 7	222	9 10
LEEDS	104	18 9	6	17 6	111	16 3
YORK... ..	88	6 3	6	14 0	95	0 3
SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA	12	16 6	2	10 6	15	7 0
SOUTHPORT	13	18 6	1	6 6	15	5 0
THIRSK	3	3 0	...	...	3	3 0
	<u>1815</u>	<u>3 11</u>	<u>730</u>	<u>11 7</u>	<u>2545</u>	<u>15 6</u>

The total amount reported last year—including the contributions from Saltburn-by-the-Sea, &c.,—was £1,424 5s. 5d. : there is, consequently, an increase of £1,121 10s. There are now, in connection with the Ladies' Associations, no fewer than 2,778 Subscribers of 2s. 6d. and upwards, and 422 Collectors. To all the Officers and Collectors of these Associations the Committee cannot but express their warmest gratitude for the valuable services which they have rendered to the Institution by their earnest and most disinterested labours so rich in sympathy and generous kindness.

Number of
Patients from
the Associated
Counties.

The present number of inmates of the Asylum may thus be classified according to the Counties from which they have been admitted :—

LANCASHIRE	251
YORKSHIRE	174
CHESHIRE	33
DURHAM	33
CUMBERLAND	21
NORTHUMBERLAND	15
WESTMORLAND	7
OTHER COUNTIES	3

537

Vacant
Accommodation

These patients have been received from no fewer than 180 towns and villages. Each of these places ought to contribute its share towards the maintenance of the Institution, and were this done the funds would be considerably augmented. There is still vacant accommodation for about 60 patients, and the Central Committee think that the time has now arrived for filling it up. At every election there are many unsuccessful candidates, whose failure to secure admission is a great disappointment to their relatives and friends. The number of applicants at this election is larger than ever before. Some of them have applied for the second or third time. Relying upon a generous public, the Committee intend to make this year a determined effort to have all the vacant accommodation utilised. There have been some inquiries respecting Brunton House, the purchase of which for special private pupils was referred to in the last Report, but no pupils have yet been admitted there. Its occupation might facilitate better classification at the Asylum. The house is admirably adapted to the object which the Committee had in view in

Brunton House.

purchasing it, viz., "to combine for private pupils, paying remunerative rates, the seclusion and comforts of a private residence, with the hygienic, educational, and training resources of a public institution under responsible management." The advantages of such special accommodation have been recognised by the Commissioners in Lunacy and other Visitors to the Asylum.

At the date of the last Report, the number of patients was 519, viz., 354 males and 165 females; the present number is 537, viz., 365 males and 172 females. The average number resident during the year has been 533. There have been 81 admissions, 48 discharges, and 15 deaths. Of the 537 present inmates, 307 are election cases, 198 reduced payment cases, 10 full payment cases, 14 associated and private cases, 4 life interest cases, and 4 presentation cases.

Number and
Classification of
Patients.

The following Legacies have been paid during the year, and others have been reported :—

	£	s.	d.
John Eden, Beamish Park, Durham ...	5000	0	0
John Walker, Preston	1800	0	0
Miss Hannah Goad, Ulverston	500	0	0
John Brown, Rotherham (final instalment)	211	5	0
Mrs. Hague, Dewsbury	180	0	0
Mrs. Waite, Ripon	50	0	0

Again the Committee would urge the importance of Legacies as giving security to the permanence of the Institution in a district, which being principally commercial, is specially liable to fluctuations in prosperity, and as affording the means for future development. The bequests are of lasting benefit to the counties to which the legators have belonged. In Lancashire and Yorkshire they already procure the admission of many additional patients. Some of the Counties have as yet contributed very little in this way. The Committee would here acknowledge the gratuitous legal advice and assistance received from Mr. G. T. Barras, Rotherham, in connection with the payment of the instalments of the legacy bequeathed by the late Mr. John Brown.

Special
Donations.

Among the Donations to the Maintenance Fund calling for special and grateful remark are the following :—

	£	s.	d.
A Friend, per R. Walters, Newcastle-on-Tyne	300	0	0
Mrs. Charles Turner, Liverpool (Additional)	200	0	0

These contributions have greatly assisted the Maintenance Fund for the year, and donations, as supplementing annual subscriptions, form a very necessary source of income, without which, indeed, it would be impossible to maintain the Institution in its present condition of financial prosperity.

Sundry
Contributions.

Attention is called to the following interesting sundry Contributions :—

The sum of £651 3s. 8d., contributed by parents and other relatives, towards the cost of maintenance of Election Cases.

A Donation of £2 2s. from "Grateful Parents."

The sum of £15 0s. 8d., being "Income from Joseph Nutter's Gift."

A Donation of £2 2s. to the Recreation Hall Fund, from the father of a Life Interest Case, now resident in Sydney, N. S. Wales.

A Donation of £5 5s. from the Teachers and Pupils of Miss Pickford's School, "The Haws," Carnforth; two additional Donations of £1 10s. 7d. and 12s., from the pupils of Mr. James Wood's School, "The Dingle," Colwyn Bay; a Donation of 5s. from the "School Children," Aldford, Cheshire.

A Donation of £10 4s. 6d., being the "Proceeds of a Tea and Service of Song" at Castle Eden, Durham, per Miss N. Nimmo.

An Annual Subscription of 10s. 6d., from "A Mother's Meeting," Bunbury, per Mrs. Aspinall.

An additional Donation of £21, from the Rochdale Provident Co-operative Society, Limited, per Mr. R. Hurst, local treasurer; an increased Annual Subscription of £3 3s., from the Brighouse Industrial Society, per Mrs. Butterworth; an Annual Subscription of £2 2s., from the Sowerby Bridge Industrial Society.

A Donation of £1 1s., from "The Excelsior Branch of Ancient Shepherds," Leeds, per Mr. C. F. Tetley, hon. local secretary.

A Donation of £10 for Yorkshire, from Perth, to be entered "A Lady, Anonymous."

Grateful mention ought to be made of the numerous presents of toys, fruit, money, &c., received for the Christmas Tree, and of the contributions to the Amusement Fund from visitors.

The desirability of a Recreation Hall in connection with the Asylum has been frequently urged, and the Central Committee are pleased to be able to announce the following donations, in addition to those which were reported last year: —Mr. Wm. Tattersall, Milnthorpe, £250; Mr. Joseph Craven, M.P., Thornton, Bradford, £50; Mr. Arthur H. Heywood, Windermere, £50; Mr. Hanson Ormerod, Brighouse, £50; Sir Fredk. T. Mappin, Bart., M.P., £25; Mr. Albert Greg, Lancaster, £25; Mr. John Whitley, Halifax, £20; Mrs. F. E. Rawson, £21, Mr. J. Selwyn Rawson, £10 10s., Mr. F. G. S. Rawson, £10 10s., Thorpe, Halifax; Miss Buckle, Howden, £10 10s.; Mrs. Kimber, Heworth, York, £10 10s.; Mr. W. Rothwell, Manchester, £10; Miss Wainhouse, Rugby, £10; and other small donations amounting to £11 4s.

The thanks of the Committee are heartily given to the Newspaper Press for its continued support of the Institution, which is deeply indebted to the friendly advocacy and publicity thus afforded. Without this constant countenance and generous aid, the financial success of the Institution would certainly have been less remarkable.

To the Officers and Members of Local Committees who have kindly co-operated in furtherance of the objects of the Institution, the Committee express their heartfelt obligations. In no way can their active influence be better exerted than in assisting to organise Ladies' Committees in their respective districts. What has been thus effected in the past offers great encouragement that such valuable co-operation will be given to the Central Committee.

The thanks of the Committee are again tendered to the Honorary Solicitors, Messrs. Sharp and Son, Lancaster; to the Honorary Engineer, Mr. James Mansergh, C.E., London; and to the General Treasurers, the Lancaster Banking Company, Lancaster.

Hearty thanks are due to those Clergymen and Ministers who have during the year kindly made collections in behalf of the Asylum; and the Committee believe that much advantage indirectly arises to the Institution from its objects being thus prominently brought before the benevolent members of Christian congregations. They would again press the claims of the imbecile upon those clergymen and

Recreation Hall.

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Engineer, and
General
Treasurer.Collections and
Offeratories.

ministers who have not yet accorded to them this kind of practical sympathy.

Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. H. Barnacle, Parish Church, Knutsford
 Rev. H. Glanville Barnacle, Holmes Chapel, Crewe.
 Rev. John Bone, St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. R. F. Bradbury, St. Cross' Church, Knutsford.
 Rev. C. J. Bushell, Barkisland Church, Halifax.
 Rev. J. F. Cowley, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
 Rev. J. N. Hoare, St. John's Church, Keswick.
 Ven. Archdeacon Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre, Garstang.
 Rev. H. W. Kirkby, Field Broughton Church, Grange-over-Sands.
 Rev. John Mathwin, West Pelton Church, Chester-le-Street.
 Rev. J. L. Pain, Silverdale Church.
 Rev. T. Jackson Smith, St. Thomas's Church, Bedford Leigh.
 Rev. Canon Upperton, Ince Church, Chester.
 Rev. G. F. Weston, Crosby Ravensworth Church, Penrith.
 Rev. Thomas Windsor, Congregational Church, Skipton.
 Rev. John Wordsworth, Gosforth Church, Cumberland.

Death of
 Supporters.

Several excellent friends of the Institution have died during the year. Miss Jean L. Watson, of Edinburgh, had manifested a devoted and enthusiastic interest in it ever since 1869, when she wrote for the series of stories, &c., so ably edited by Miss Dora Greenwell, the charming narrative of "Benjie of Millden." This was followed by "Daft Willie" and "A Woman's Appeal." The last of these has been found most serviceable in promoting the formation and work of Ladies' Associations. The loss of Miss Watson's graceful advocacy and personal influence will be much felt. Mr. Hugh Mason was always a warm supporter of the Institution, and was ready to aid it by his liberality. Mr. Christopher Brown, of Settle, had for many years acted as local secretary, and was well known as an earnest supporter. But to very few friends has the Institution been more indebted than to Mr. Edward Rodgett, of Preston, of whose munificence the Rodgett Infirmary is a worthy memorial. By that noble gift the Committee were relieved from a most pressing embarrassment and the Institution acquired a detached Infirmary, which is a model in the completeness and convenience of its accommodation, both for ordinary and infectious cases of sickness. With sincere regret the Committee refer to the death of Mrs. Watson, of Bilton Hall, Knaresborough, who since 1869 had taken great interest in the Institution, and liberally responded to the appeals for support. Mrs. Watson began with a donation of £25, which has been increased to £664.

The following changes in the Central Committee must be recorded: Mr. Hugh Mason, of Ashton-under-Lyne, Mr. R. Stockdale, of Bolton, and Mr. T. U. Brocklehurst, of Macclesfield, have died; and Mr. Wm. Tattersall, of Milnthorpe, and Mr. Gerald Peel, of Manchester, have become members of the Committee.

Changes in the
Central
Committee.

There have been several special visits to the Asylum. In March a large number of Ministers and Delegates of the Lancashire Congregational Union, during its annual session at Lancaster, made a thorough inspection, and expressed themselves as highly gratified. In July a party of members of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch of the British Medical Association visited the Asylum, and, subsequently, Brunton House. They were much pleased with their inspection. On the 27th of July the Asylum was visited by the Lord Bishop of Carlisle, chairman; Mr. R. A. Allison, M.P., treasurer; Dr. Henry Barnes and Mr. R. Crowder, M.A., honorary secretaries, and other members of the Cumberland Committee; together with Miss Goodwin and Miss Johnson (honorary secretaries), and other members of the committee of the Cumberland Ladies' Association. Every department was carefully inspected, and the favourable impressions of the visitors are recorded in the appended description of the visit reprinted from the *Carlisle Journal*, whose reporter accompanied the party.

Visits to the
Asylum.

Among the visitors to the Asylum was the Governor of the Isle of Man, Mr. Spencer Walpole. His Excellency made a complete inspection of the Institution, but was disappointed to find that, as was explained in the Sixteenth Annual Report, the Isle of Man could not, under the present constitution, be included within the Asylum district. Possibly some arrangement might be made, with the consent of the Subscribers, for admitting on reduced payment young and educable imbeciles from the Island, which is in the Province of York. The Governor expressed his gratification at the appearance and arrangements of the place, and was 'thankful for the information received during the very interesting afternoon which he passed at the Asylum.'

Isle of Man.

In April the Commissioners in Lunacy made their annual inspection of the Asylum.

Lunacy
Commissioners.

Speech of
Lord Egerton
of Tatton.

At the Manchester Ladies' Meeting Lord Egerton of Tatton referred to the Royal Commission (of which he had become Chairman) originally appointed to inquire into the condition of the blind, and the scope of whose investigations had been extended so as to include the deaf and dumb and such other cases as would seem to require exceptional treatment. His Lordship again contended strongly—

“That now that the State had taken upon itself to see that every ordinary child was educated, the State ought also to see that the blind, the deaf and dumb, and the imbecile had an equal share of its assistance; and if this were done, he was sure it would be found that many children who were once considered incapable of any mental effort only needed to be trained in order to develop capacities which would be of use to themselves and others. The progress of the inmates at the Royal Albert Asylum had been very marked, and a number of them had been trained in such a way as to enable them to do something towards earning their own livelihood, and to make the most of those attainments which it was possible for them to acquire.”

Royal
Commission.

The inquiries of the Royal Commission do not appear to have been directed, as yet, to the condition of the idiotic and imbecile. Taking into consideration the magnitude and extent of the evil, it is, doubtless, incumbent upon the State to make some provision, whether supplementary to charitable effort or not, for this hitherto comparatively neglected and hopeless class, which, from its very infirmity, is unable to press its claims for recognition and assistance. The duty has been acknowledged “by twenty Commonwealths of the United States that the idiotic or feeble-minded child is human; that, without exception, under rightly directed influences, he may be lifted to a higher grade; that he has an inalienable right to these helpful influences; that, if the common forms of education are inapplicable to him, special means shall be provided.” Voluntary effort has, in this country, accomplished much for the alleviation of this great sorrow whose shadow darkens so many homes, but, unaided, it is impossible for it to make adequate provision for the training of all those who are susceptible of improvement. The Committee trust, therefore, that the labours of the Royal Commission will result in the recommendation of some large and judicious measure for the assistance of those

who are endeavouring to cope with the financial difficulties surrounding the question of the special instruction and care of the defective classes of the community.

It has long been felt by those interested in the management of the Institutions for Imbeciles in the country that the statutory forms and regulations of the Lunacy Acts were vexatious and inapplicable to such institutions; and when it was understood that Lord Selborne, as Lord Chancellor, was about to introduce into Parliament a Lunacy Acts Amendment Bill, a "Memorandum of Suggestions" was prepared by Mr. Diggins, the secretary of the Royal Albert Asylum, and Dr. Shuttleworth, medical superintendent, and having been approved by the Central Committee, was submitted to his Lordship's consideration. Several of the "Suggestions" were embodied in the Bill, and a Conference of the Managers of the English Institutions for Imbeciles was held at Lord Winmarleigh's town residence to discuss the provisions of the Bill, which resulted in further representations being made to the Lord Chancellor, who very cordially accepted the amendments proposed. In consequence of the change of Government, the Bill lapsed; but, on the return of the Gladstone Government to power, the new Lord Chancellor, Lord Herschell, re-introduced the measure. At the urgent request of a deputation from the Royal Albert Asylum, consisting of Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Right Hon. J. T. Hibbert, M.P., and Mr. Diggins, accompanied by Mr. Turner, the secretary of the Eastern Counties' Asylum, the Lord Chancellor kindly consented to omit from the Lunacy Bill the clauses relating to idiots and imbeciles, and to introduce a Bill dealing with that class separately from lunatics. The Bill had been originally prepared by a sub-committee of the Royal Albert Asylum, consisting of Lord Winmarleigh, Mr. W. H. Higgin, Q.C., Dr. Shuttleworth, and Mr. Diggins; and Lord Winmarleigh, as Chairman of the Conference, had undertaken to introduce it into the House of Lords. It was adopted by the Lord Chancellor and read a first time in the House of Lords on the 23rd of March. On the 18th of June it was read a third time in the House of Commons, thanks chiefly to the persevering efforts

History of the
Idiots Act.

of the Right Hon. J. T. Hibbert, whose cordial co-operation in this and so many other matters has been of signal service to the Royal Albert Asylum. To the legal knowledge and skill of Mr. W. H. Higgin, Q.C., so unreservedly and generously placed at their disposal, the Committee thankfully recognise their obligations. They desire also gratefully to acknowledge the great courtesy and kindness of the Lord Chancellor, Lord Herschell, who evinced every wish to meet the suggestions of Lord Winmarleigh and the other promoters of the Bill, and to use his great influence to secure its being passed. Mr. Diggins, as Secretary to the Conference, conducted the necessary correspondence and other business, and he had the hearty co-operation of the officials of the other Institutions for Imbeciles.

Estate
Improvements
and additional
Farm Buildings.

Certain Estate improvements have been made during the year. Two old lanes dividing the estate, and one of them running parallel with the grounds, have, with the consent of the township of Scotforth and the permission of the Court of Quarter Sessions, been abolished, and a new and convenient road has been substituted for them. The labour and expense involved in these works have been very considerable, but the improvement will secure greater privacy and make the estate more compact. The additional farm buildings, which were in progress at the date of the last Report, have now been completed, and the Asylum possesses a set of farm buildings hardly to be equalled, on any similar estate, for their variety and completeness of accommodation. Additional land can be worked without any further extension of premises. The Farm is being carefully managed ; and the employment which it affords to the patients is most congenial and useful. In acquiring additional land from time to time this has always been the primary consideration. The training in simple out-door pursuits is best adapted to develop their capacity for work and their physical and mental powers. Last winter a tender was submitted for the adjoining Greaves Farm on the east side of the railway, but, notwithstanding the keen competition, the Committee did not feel justified in offering an unremuneratively high rent, and the farm, consisting of about 33 acres, was let to another party. The

Committee are grateful to the Chairman and Directors of the London and North Western Railway for their readiness to afford facilities of access to this land had the Committee rented it. Mr. John Walker, of Lancaster, has again kindly made his annual valuation of the farm stock.

The average weekly cost of maintenance per head has been 12s. 3d. ; but this sum includes a full share of building and furnishing items, which, for the year amount to £753 12s. 2d. Omitting such items, the net average weekly cost is 11s. 8½d. The corresponding averages last year were 12s. 5d. and 11s. 8½d. The amounts vary but slightly for the two years, and the average number of patients has been nearly the same. The subscribers may rest assured that the utmost economy, consistent with efficiency of management, will be practised, it being most desirable to extend the advantages of the Institution to as many beneficiaries as possible. Careful supervision is exercised over all items of receipt and expenditure.

Weekly Cost.

Attention is directed to the Report of the professional Auditor, Mr. W. G. Welch, who has again carefully investigated the accounts of the Asylum ; and the result of the last audit is as satisfactory as that of any of the previous years. The certified Balance Sheets give detailed statements of income and expenditure.

Audit.

Favourable testimony is frequently borne to the improvement observed in the condition of the patients, and the following letter, which quaintly, but touchingly, tells its own story, will probably be as interesting and encouraging to the subscribers as it is gratifying to the Committee.

Testimony of
Friends of
Patients.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster.

GENTLEMEN,—I feel utterly at a loss how to write you, as I am only too conscious of the failure of words to half express the *anxious and earnest desires of my heart* and mind with reference to the *earnest request* with which I am now about to make to you. You will be aware that my daughter Ann Butterworth was admitted an inmate of the above Institute in July, 1884. Since then we have visited her from time to time (*perhaps too often*, as it has been the means of cementing our affections instead of otherwise, which, no doubt, would have been better for us had it not been so), and we have always been *MORE than satisfied* with the Institution in every respect. You will find a proof of this on referring to *the Diary* which I had to sign on bringing her home last Wednesday. Of course, you will naturally want us to give our reasons for applying to you last board meeting to have her home again. Well, we will give them as candidly as we possibly can. When we last visited her on January 4th, 1886, *she was going into the*

Infirmary, and she seemed to us to be far from well, and of course you all know what a *parent's affections* are, ESPECIALLY A MOTHER'S, towards a *helpless child*, and we now are only *too sorry* to say that we allowed our love and affection to *overrule* our better judgment. Ofcourse, you are all willing to admit that none of us are infallible, and that it is an easy matter for the *wisest* to err at times. We have now found out since she came home that she has *improved wonderfully*, far exceeding our *greatest anticipations*, considering the time she has been an inmate. She now seems to be full of order, method, punctuality, cleanliness, and other *virtues* which have been inculcated *whilst she has been from home*. She can also *write* several letters of the alphabet, and figures as well, which we had not *the remotest idea* of when we brought her home. What I now wish to ask is, that you will *pardon our error* in judgment, *and kindly see your way to re-admit her at once to the Institute*. If you will kindly do so I will willingly give you a donation of £2. 2s. for the *Institute for the trouble I have given you*. This I offer not because I am in a position to give it, but because we feel that we can *sacrifice anything, yea even life itself*, if it would have the effect of improving the *health and well-being* of our imbecile child, which is the daily prayer of our inmost hearts. I will also gladly sign an agreement for her to stay her term of seven years, and will pay all expenses in connection with her re-admittance. I came to Lancaster on Monday last to *see Mr. Diggins*, thinking a personal interview would be better than writing, but he advised me to write you, as he had no power in the matter. You are aware we cannot give her any schooling here, and she would soon lose what education she has got. Hoping you will *be able to coincide with our views and wishes*,

We are, gentlemen, yours very faithfully,

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About 130 patients went home for their summer holiday, and subjoined are extracts from a few of the reports of parents and guardians.

1.—“I think my son is steadily improving. He is in good health, and has a good idea of working in the garden. It has been a great blessing for us to get him in so valuable an institution.”

2.—“We are highly satisfied with the improvement that we find in him, both in habits and actions, and he has been witnessed by scores who say they can see a great improvement.”

3.—“Our son has now been at the Royal Albert Asylum seven years, and each year we are pleased to note an improvement in him. His habits are improved and his health also; and this time his holidays with us shew a larger increase of intelligence, and he has been more easy to manage than on any former occasion.”

4.—“I am very well pleased with the improvement my son has made during the last twelve months. I consider he has made great progress in every respect; his condition altogether being very satisfactory.”

5.—“We are very well pleased with the improvement in our son; he can speak much better. He has been a very good boy while at home. His health seems very good, and he is very well behaved. We are very well pleased with his manners.”

6.—“We are thankful for the improvement he has made this last twelve months back, and hope he may continue to go on. He looks better in health, and he has mended in his habits, and he has got on very well with his schooling.”

7.—“ I am very happy to say that my daughter does look much better in her mental condition, because she is very quick about anything that is said to her. Her health is very good, and her habits are very good and regular, for which I am very thankful.”

8.—“ She is greatly improved in her habits, is very useful in the house and seems to be very healthy.”

9.—“ We think that she has greatly improved during the last twelve months and seems to be more staid, as we can now send her little errands with confidence, which we could not do whilst here a year ago.”

10.—“ I am very glad to say that I find my daughter is greatly improved in all her habits, and that her memory is better. I am pleased to say she is greatly improved in her schooling, also in her needle-work. She is a little stronger, and is greatly improved in her health.”

11.—“ I find my daughter's health is very good. She has made very great progress at school, and from her domestic training, she seems inclined to make herself generally useful. Her memory is much better, and altogether she is greatly improved in her mental condition.”

12.—“ I observe that my daughter is better in health and cleaner in her habits, and also rather better in her mental condition. She has grown in body very much. I am very well satisfied with the improvement all round which I observe in her.

The Medical Superintendent's Report to the Committee supplies interesting information respecting the condition and progress of the patients and matters of internal administration. The practical usefulness of the Institution greatly depends upon the industrial training of the inmates. There are numerous grades of imbecility, and the same satisfactory results are not to be expected in all cases. Unfortunately, there are some unimprovable imbeciles in the Asylum, whose whole machinery of life appears to be in a deranged condition,

“ Like sweet bells jangled, out of tune and harsh ; ”

pitiable objects, without sufficient intelligence to induce habits of decency and self-control, but who, nevertheless, can be made fairly happy and comfortable. All that skill and kindness can do is tried for the improvement of their condition, for their dire affliction appeals to the sympathetic heart, but what their broken bodies and darkened minds need is a life-long provision in some custodial establishment where they may be sure of uniform, appropriate, and gentle treatment. In the homes of the poor they must prove disturbing and sorrowful elements, often dragging the families down to wretched pauperism. But the primary object of the Institution is to be a Training School, and its thoroughly educational character must be kept steadily in view. The purpose is not merely to provide amusements

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Report.

Grades of
Imbecility.

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of the
Institution.

and occupations to relieve the depressing tedium of the passing hour, but in the schools, workshops, farm and garden, to foster the physical and intellectual growth of the patients, and to render them, as far as their capacity permits, useful, both to themselves and to the larger community of which they would otherwise be only troublesome and burdensome members. The ideal aim should be—and it has been realised in some instances—to train in habits of industry, self-control, and self-help, those who have a fair amount of intelligence, so that they may become unobserved members of the community, and be able to participate, with comparative facility, in the duties and enjoyments of ordinary life. To accomplish this object most completely, the training must be carefully adapted to the individual bent, capacity and wants of the patients, with the view of helping to bring them into healthy relations with the world about them. Their instructors must patiently

“Sow the seed, and reap the harvest with enduring toil.”

Conclusion.

In taking a final retrospect of the operations of the Royal Albert Asylum during the past year, the Committee see much reason for devout gratitude, and they derive much encouragement to continue the most earnest and persevering efforts in furtherance of their benevolent enterprise for the relief of those who are crushed under one of the heaviest of human calamities. They believe that the work is eminently humane, practical, and urgent, and that “those who stoop the lowest to serve the most unfortunate of human kind, not only do the most good, but, by a divine law, get the most good.”

WINMARLEIGH,
CHAIRMAN.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S GENERAL REPORT.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

The Report which I have the honour to submit extends over 52 weeks, viz., from August 28, 1885, to August 27, 1886.

During that period there have been admitted 58 male and 23 female patients, total 81; 35 males and 13 females, total 48, have been discharged; and 12 males and 3 females, total 15, have died. The number of inmates at the date of the last Report was 519 (354 males, 165 females); it is now 537 (365 males, 172 females). The average number resident during the year has been 533; the aggregate number under training 600; and the maximum number simultaneously resident 542.

Number of
Patients.

It will be observed that the same disproportion commented on in previous Reports continues to exist in the relative number of male and female inmates, the former being more than double as numerous as the latter. All the available space on the south side of the building (comprising the accommodation designed for senior boys) being now filled, it will facilitate the working of the establishment if a larger proportion of girl candidates be elected in the future.

Disproportion of
Sexes.

With regard to the general character of the cases admitted, there have been amongst them rather more than the average of such as can properly be called "pupils," a matter for congratulation, inasmuch as the resources of the Institution are best used in the education and training of imbeciles capable of profiting by instruction, so as to be permanently benefited by seven years' training, rather than in the mere custodial provision for low-grade idiots, who have to be returned to their friends only slightly ameliorated at the end of their election period. It is hoped that this

Admission of
Educable Cases.

consideration may have weight with subscribers in their recommendations of candidates, especially now that the Institution is becoming filled to its utmost capacity. The examination of applications for admission, with a view of reporting to the Committee as to the eligibility (in respect of training) of candidates, is one of the most anxious duties of the Medical Superintendent, and he is always grateful for as complete information as possible from the medical referees who kindly fill up the schedules of enquiry. It will be understood that such an amount of physical helplessness as renders the patient unable to move about the building precludes to a great extent his profiting by the means of instruction, and as a general rule it has been held that a candidate who cannot walk is ineligible for election.

Discharged
Patients.

Of the patients discharged, one young woman, after eight years' training in the Institution, had emerged from the condition of imbecility to such an extent as justified her being reported to the Commissioners as "recovered." She has since passed through a training institution for domestic servants, and is now doing well in private service. Another girl, much improved during her election period, obtained a situation as nursemaid, and is giving satisfaction to her employers. Of the lads discharged, one is reported to be earning his living by repairing shoes and clogs, another is employed as porter by a grocer, and a third is useful in farm work; but, owing to bad times, several who were trained to useful employments whilst in the Institution have been unsuccessful in obtaining situations. Benevolent assistance in this direction is still a desideratum with regard to the trained pupils, inasmuch as the improved imbecile, however efficient as a workman, has but a poor chance in the fierce competition of the open labour market.

Deaths.

The number of deaths—15—furnishes what may be considered a small per-centage—2·8 on the average number resident, or 2·5 on the aggregate number under training—when it is remembered how constantly feeble bodies are associated with feeble minds. It would have been still smaller but for the deaths of two patients from epilepsy, both of whom were subjects rather for hospital treatment than for educational training, but whose discharge had been deferred out of consideration to their friends. The low vitality dependent upon imperfection of nerve force, so frequently met with in greater or less degree in the imbecile class, was strikingly illustrated in a case of gangrene of the feet, arising not from cold but from constitutional causes, in a poor boy

of 15 who ultimately died of broncho-pneumonia. The tendency to bed-sores, due to a similar cause combined with the faulty habits of the patients, is often a source of special anxiety in cases of chronic illness; and in such cases the resources of the Rodgett Infirmary are a great blessing both to patients and staff. There have been, as usual, numerous cases of phthisis and of scrofulous disease; and no less than three in which there was caries of the spine.

In spite of the long continued and severe winter, the general health of the inmates has compared favourably with that of former years; and it is a matter for thankfulness that the Institution has again been free from epidemic disease.

Health of the
Inmates.

The arrangements for education and training continue to be efficiently carried out by the staff of teachers and industrial instructors. I may perhaps specially mention the excellent musical drill by which the girls and infants are taught to obey promptly and to co-ordinate their muscular movements, and the carefully-finished Kindergarten work executed by them. In the Boys' School evidence may be seen of the results of conscientious and painstaking teaching in the form of letters well composed and neatly written, of drawings showing remarkable progress in the power of handling a pencil, and of sums evincing growing capacity for calculation. In the workshops a variety of manufactured articles, comprising chests of drawers, step-ladders, panelled screens, mats, shoes and various articles of clothing, made throughout by patients, strikingly attest the successful results of industrial training. Out-door occupation, though last mentioned, is, in my opinion, of prime importance in the physical as well as mental amelioration of imbeciles; and I hope, with the engagement of a special supervisor of the out-door workers, to see considerable progress made in extending this kind of employment. The facilities which are afforded by a well-arranged Farm for the training of our more able-bodied inmates in useful and healthy industry form perhaps the best justification of expenditure upon this object.

Character of the
Instruction and
Occupation.

Recreations of various kinds are, as heretofore, periodically provided, and I think I may say there has been no falling off in the character of the entertainments, the most noteworthy of which was, as usual, the festivity in connection with the Christmas Trees. On that occasion the cantata of "Red Riding Hood" was performed with much

Recreation.

spirit, many patients taking part in the choruses and dances, the principal characters being, of course, sustained by members of the staff. We have again to acknowledge the kind assistance rendered in our concerts by ladies and gentlemen from Lancaster; and we are indebted to the Rev. J. Bone for an admirable magic lantern entertainment kindly given by him last January.

Ambulance
Classes.

With the view of affording to the staff an opportunity of acquiring some insight into anatomical and physiological principles as well as of qualifying themselves to render "first aid" in emergencies, I undertook last winter to give a course of lectures in accordance with the scheme of the St. John Ambulance Association. It was gratifying to find that this opportunity was much appreciated, and that no less than 67 persons connected with the Institution joined the classes. Of these, 33—(all the candidates but one)—passed the examination by Surgeon-Major Hutton, and received the certificates of the Association, the value of which was enhanced by the fact that they were distributed by Lord Winmarleigh, who made some very instructive remarks as to the utility of Ambulance training. The practical use of such training was exemplified within a week of the examination by the skilful manner in which an attendant who unfortunately fell from a high ladder in the course of fire brigade practice was conveyed to the Infirmary by his comrades. For the information of Officers of Asylums and other similar Institutions I have contributed a note of our experience in Ambulance work to the "Journal of Mental Science" for July last.

Visits.

As usual there has been a large number of official and private visits to the Institution during the year, the most notable perhaps being those of the Bishop of Carlisle with representatives of the Cumberland Ladies' Committee, and of members of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch of the British Medical Association on the occasion of their Annual Meeting at Lancaster. The latter gentlemen also inspected Brunton House, with its beautiful garden and shrubberies, expressing high approval of the project of utilising it as a boarding-house for special private cases.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, I think I may say that although I have but little that is novel to report, the last year has been one of steady work and substantial progress. I trust that with the additional facilities which the new Act will afford for the care, education, and training of imbecile children, the

Institution will in the future have an enlarged field of usefulness, and that its educational aspect may become more and more developed. It is a matter for congratulation that it will be no longer necessary formally to designate our pupils by the opprobrious term of "idiot;" and that, consequently, children who are not idiots in the ordinary sense, but yet are so far deficient as to be ineducable by ordinary methods, may share the advantages of an Institution whose aim is, in the largest sense, to "comfort the feeble-minded."

I have the honour to be,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH.

*Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster,
27th August, 1886.*

CASES OF IMPROVEMENT

ILLUSTRATIVE OF REPORT.

(Not previously reported).

BOYS.

A. (645). Admitted October, 1880, aged 10. Then unable to read, count, or tell the clock; and could only form a letter or two on the slate. Can now read a few words at sight, write fairly in copy-book, understand the value of unit figures and count correctly; and knows the hours and half-hours on the clock. Is making good progress in the shoemaker's shop.

B. (834). Admitted August, 1883, aged 15. Could read a little, form letters imperfectly in copy-book, and add simple sums. Can now read with fair fluency, and is very fond of reading for his own amusement; composes and writes well-expressed letters to his friends, and works correctly sums in addition, subtraction, and multiplication. He is very useful in the bakehouse, and is employed in kneading and making up bread.

C. (866). Admitted August, 1883, aged 10. Then absolutely without any educational acquirement whatever. Now able to read and spell easy words, to write in a copy book, and to distinguish all the coins and some weights; and is becoming useful in the mat-maker's shop, where he cuts fibre into lengths for mat-making.

D. (899). Admitted August, 1883, aged 12. Then only able to read a word or two, and form strokes on the slate. Could count a little. Now reads and spells easy words, and writes them in copy book, works simple addition sums, and draws nicely on paper. Is a useful worker in the garden.

E. (967). Admitted July, 1884, aged 14. Then only able to read and write short words and to count a little. Can now read fairly well, compose and write nice letters to his friends, work simple addition sums, and calculate a little mentally. He is doing well at the joiners' shop, and is able to "dove-tail" and make knife boxes, &c.

GIRLS AND INFANTS.

F. (877). Admitted August, 1883, aged 10. Had attended school for a considerable period but had learned absolutely nothing. Has improved much in general intelligence, can read many words at sight, form easy letters in copybook, and can work simple addition sums. She hems neatly, and is useful as bed-maker and in dormitory work.

G. (881). Admitted August, 1883, aged 11. No educational attainments when admitted, had characteristic expression of imbecility. Now has a much more intelligent aspect, and has improved considerably at school, so that she is able to distinguish the letters, and to write in a copy-book. She hems neatly, and is very useful in house-work.

H. (980). Admitted October, 1884, aged 12. Then a delicate, rather dull-looking boy, who, though carefully taught at home, had learnt next to nothing. Has much improved in *physique*, can read many words at sight, and can form letters in copy-book, understands the value of unit figures, and can draw a little.

I. (832). Admitted August, 1883, aged 11. Then a sickly-looking, dirty and turbulent boy, who, though he had for some time attended a Board School, had learnt nothing whatever. Now docile and obedient, is able to read easy words, write in a copybook, and work simple sums. He also does simple kindergarten work.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LANCASTER, 26TH AUGUST, 1886.

The Accounts of the Royal Albert Asylum for the year ending 30th June, 1886, have been submitted to me for audit, and a full and careful examination of the books of account and vouchers enables me to certify to the correctness of the accompanying Balance Sheets.

Subscribers will find that the Maintenance Account for the past year, compared with the previous year's account, exhibits no important changes in the ordinary Expenditure. The changes in the Receipts are favourable, donations showing an increase of £256, annual subscriptions an increase of £542, interest on investments an increase of £257, and payments for patients an increase of £180.

On the Estate and Buildings Improvement Account further expenditure has been incurred during the year to the amount of £1,839 7s. od. A sum of £400 was brought forward from last year and the balance of £1,439 7s. od. has been transferred from Maintenance Account, enabling the account to be closed.

Recreation Hall Account appears for the first time. On the 30th June the amount at the credit of the account was £1,520 17s. 11d., consisting of donations £1,009 12s. od., bank interest £11 5s. 11d., transfer from maintenance account £500.

The Sustentation Fund Account has received from legacies £7,691 5s. od., and from a life interest payment £500. In company with the honorary auditor, the Rev. C. Twemlow Royds, I examined the Deeds and Certificates representing Investments and found them in proper order.

WILLIAM G. WELCH, AUDITOR.

MAINTENANCE

Dr.

From June 30th, 1885,

		Receipts.					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To	Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1885				928	1	8
„	Donations	1,455	11	6			
„	Legacy under Fifty Guineas... ..	50	0	0			
„	Annual Subscriptions	4,671	10	6			
„	Payments for Patients	8,494	2	6			
„	Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments	3,697	19	4			
	(Including £15 os. 8d., "Income from Joseph Nutter's Gift")						
„	Interest on Bank Deposits	86	7	4			
„	Rent	114	8	0			
„	Sundries	439	10	2			
					19,009	9	4
„	Farm Produce sold	154	6	3			
„	Garden Produce sold	6	8	7			
					160	14	10
„	Farm Produce supplied to the Asylum	3,308	12	11			
„	Garden Produce supplied to the Asylum... ..	188	1	0			
					3,496	13	11

£23,594 19 9

Examined and compared with the Books of Account
and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—August 26th, 1886.

WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

C. TWEMLOW ROYDS, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

ACCOUNT,
to June 30th, 1886.

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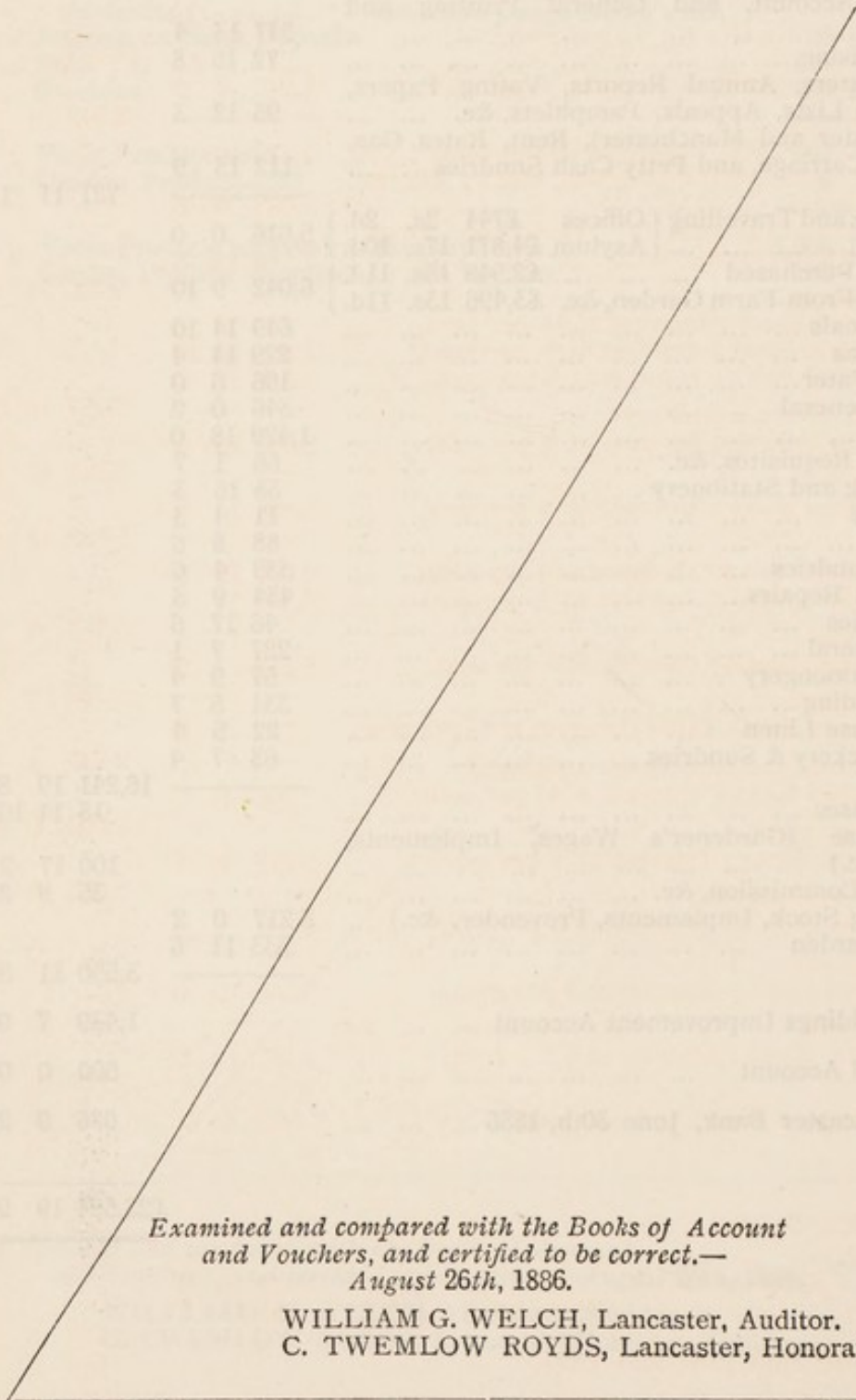
Expenditure.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Expenses of General Annual Meeting at Carlisle, Meetings at Chester and Manchester, and of Local Committees, &c.		128	14	5			
„ Expenses of Election at Carlisle... ..		64	1	8			
„ Printing 5,000 Twenty-first Annual Report, Reports of Meetings, Election Returns, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account, and General Printing and Stationery		247	13	4			
„ General Advertising... ..		72	15	8			
„ Postage of Letters, Annual Reports, Voting Papers, Subscription Lists, Appeals, Pamphlets, &c.		95	12	3			
„ Offices (Lancaster and Manchester), Rent, Rates, Gas, Telegrams, Carriage, and Petty Cash Sundries		112	13	9			
					721	11	1
„ Salaries, Wages, and Travelling { Offices £744 2s. 2d. } Expenses { Asylum £4,871 17s. 10d. }		5,616	0	0			
„ Provisions ... { Purchased £2,545 15s. 11d. } { From Farm Garden, &c. £3,496 13s. 11d. }		6,042	9	10			
„ Necessaries: Coals		649	14	10			
Gas		229	14	4			
Water... ..		196	6	0			
General		346	0	2			
„ Clothing		1,429	18	0			
„ Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c.		66	1	7			
„ Asylum Printing and Stationery		38	16	3			
„ Asylum Postage		11	4	3			
„ Insurance		88	8	6			
„ Maintenance Sundries		339	4	6			
„ Workshops and Repairs... ..		434	9	3			
„ Building Sundries		46	17	6			
„ Furniture: General		227	7	1			
Ironmongery		57	9	4			
Bedding... ..		331	5	7			
House Linen		22	5	4			
Crockery & Sundries		68	7	4			
					16,241	19	8
„ Property Expenses						18	14
„ Brunton House (Gardener's Wages, Implements, Furniture, &c.)						100	17
„ Bank Interest, Commission, &c.						35	9
„ Farm (including Stock, Implements, Provender, &c.) ...		3,217	0	2			
„ Grounds and Garden		333	11	6			
					3,550	11	8
„ Estate and Buildings Improvement Account						1,439	7
„ Recreation Hall Account						500	0
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1886						986	9
					£23,594	19	9

SUSTENTATION
June 30th

Dr.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Amount received to June 30th, 1885	100,547	5	7
„ Amount received during the year ending June 30th, 1886:—			
Legacies	7,691	5	0
Life Interest Payment	500	0	0
	<u> </u>		
		8,191	5 0



*Examined and compared with the Books of Account
and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—
August 26th, 1886.*

WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.
C. TWEMLOW ROYDS, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

FUND ACCOUNT,
1886.

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		Expenditure.					
BY INVESTMENTS:—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
East Indian Railway:							
Annuity "Class B" £450 per annum (less Sinking Fund, £30)		9,285	9	3	9,285	9	3
Madras Railway:							
£7,000 Capital Stock; Interest at 5 per cent.		7,347	19	4	7,347	19	4
London and North Western Railway:							
£3,000 Guaranteed Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...		2,703	2	6			
£6,500 Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...		6,695	6	0			
£3,763 Perpetual Debenture Stock; Interest at 4 per cent.		3,225	12	0			
Midland Railway:					12,624	0	6
£8,810 Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...		8,942	4	9			
North Eastern Railway:					8,942	4	9
£1,200 Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per cent....		1,212	10	0			
£3,300 West Hartlepool Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per cent.		3,683	9	6			
£848 Darlington "B and C" Preference Stock; Interest at 6 per cent....		1,370	14	6			
South Eastern Railway:					6,266	14	0
£800 Guaranteed Stock; Interest at 4½ per cent. ...		731	12	6			
£1,850 Preference Stock; Interest at 4½ per cent. ...		1,858	13	10			
£3,250 Preference Stock; Interest at 5 per cent. ...		3,667	10	6			
London and South Western Railway:					6,257	16	10
£5,600 Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...		5,951	12	0			
Great Western Railway:					5,951	12	0
£5,000 Preference Stock; Interest at 5 per cent. ...		5,829	14	0			
Furness Railway:					5,829	14	0
£2,250 Guaranteed Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...		2,070	12	6			
£3,450 Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...		3,386	11	9			
Metropolitan Railway:					5,457	4	3
£5,000 Preference Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...		5,387	1	2			
Great Northern Railway:					5,387	1	2
£2,165 Preference Stock, 1876; Interest at 4½ per cent.		2,597	1	0			
Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolnshire Railway:					2,597	1	0
£1,000 Debenture Stock; Interest at 4½ per cent. ...		1,000	0	0			
New Zealand Government:					1,000	0	0
£5,000 Inscribed Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...		5,015	8	4			
South Australian Government:					5,015	8	4
£6,000 Inscribed Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...		6,203	0	0			
Canadian Government:					6,203	0	0
£5,500 Inscribed Stock; Interest at 4 per cent. ...		5,568	15	0			
Victorian Government:					5,568	15	0
£3,000 Inscribed Stock; Interest at 4 cent. ...		3,142	15	0			
British Funds:					3,142	15	0
£501 5s. Consols; Interest at 3 per cent.		500	0	0			
					500	0	0
Additional Land (29a. 2r. 7p.)					97,376	15	5
Freehold Property					5,966	11	0
" " Brunton House		3,624	6	0	975	0	0
" " " (Furniture)		153	14	5			
Balance at Lancaster Bank June 30th, 1886... ..					3,778	0	5
					642	3	9
					<u>£108,738</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>

IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1886.

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Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Additional Farm Buildings :			
Masonry, Paving, and Fittings	754	5	5
Woodwork	297	4	0
Slating and Plastering	201	9	8
Plumbing	49	3	0
Painting	15	6	0
			<u>1,317 8 1</u>
„ Roads :			
Walls	266	15	0
Labour	151	16	1
Land	33	15	0
Law Charges, Surveyor's Fees, &c.	62	1	7
			<u>514 7 8</u>
„ Bank Interest and Commission	7	11	3
			<u>7 11 3</u>
			<u><u>£1,839 7 0</u></u>

HALL ACCOUNT.

to June 30th, 1886.

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Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1886	1,520	17	11
			<u><u>£1,520 17 11</u></u>

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)	14843	13	1	283	15	6
MANCHESTER (2)	10040	10	0	583	8	0
LIVERPOOL (3)	9820	7	1	230	16	6
BRADFORD (4)	8849	13	1	435	13	9
PRESTON (5)	8432	5	5	73	9	0
ROCHDALE (6)	6079	6	7	255	3	0
LEEDS (7)	4799	8	5	231	4	3
HALIFAX (8)	4637	3	9	344	16	11
CUMBERLAND (CARLISLE, &C.) (9)	4162	0	8	362	3	0
CHESHIRE (CHESTER, STOCKPORT, &C.)	4169	8	9	427	6	4
WESTMORLAND (10)	3707	15	2	120	0	0
SHEFFIELD	2853	0	9	110	6	0
YORK (11)	2546	3	1	100	18	3
DURHAM (COUNTY)	2524	18	6	420	16	7
NORTH LONSDALE (ULVERSTON, BARROW, &C.)	2424	15	7	26	5	0
OLDHAM (12)	1799	12	0	33	12	0
BOLTON (13)	1703	3	0	54	1	6
SETTLE...	1269	4	11	37	16	6
SKIPTON	1220	3	2	18	18	0
HUDDERSFIELD	1060	15	0	51	14	6
BLACKBURN (14)	1237	10	0	25	4	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	1274	16	8	38	17	0
WAKEFIELD (15)	953	0	7	8	18	6
BURY	812	19	4	30	2	0
BURNLEY	783	7	6	17	6	6
WARRINGTON	761	2	6	12	12	0
KEIGHLEY	738	11	0	34	13	0
SOUTHPORT...	732	11	0	41	9	0
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	561	7	0	8	13	6
WIGAN	497	9	0	31	10	0
SCARBOROUGH	318	15	0	4	14	6
ST. HELENS	268	10	6	19	19	0
HULL	257	9	2	24	16	0
ROTHERHAM	204	17	6	11	0	6
WHITBY	200	2	9	...	...	...
DONCASTER...	146	8	3	13	13	0
MIDDLESBROUGH	63	0	0	0	10	6

June 30th, 1886.

JAMES DIGGENS, GENERAL SECRETARY.

- (1) The Lancaster Donations include £2050 from the late Mr. James Brunton, and £500 from Miss Brunton; £1000 from the Lancaster Banking Company; and £1050 from Messrs. Storey Bros. and Co., who also contribute a Special Annual Subscription of £52 10s.
- (2) The Manchester Donations include £1105 from the late John Fernley, Esq.; £1000 from the late Robert Barnes, Esq., and £1000 from the late William Atkinson, Esq.
- (3) The Liverpool Donations include £1500 from Mrs. Chas. Turner.
- (4) The Bradford Donations include £5105 from the late Sir Titus Salt, Bart.
- (5) The Preston Donations include £5000 from the late E. Rodgett, Esq. and £677 10s. from the late 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 £630 from the late Joshua Appleyard, Esq.; and £518 from Hanson Ormerod, 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.; £400 from the late John Wakefield, Esq.; and £500 from the Executors of the late T. A. Argles, Esq.
- (11) The York Donations include £1000 from "A Friend," per the late Wm. Gray, Esq.
- (12) The Oldham Donations include £631 5s. from the late Asa Lees, Esq., who also bequeathed a legacy of £10,000.
- (13) The Bolton Donations include £500, "In Memory of the late Wm. Hampson, Esq."
- (14) The Blackburn Donations include £775 from Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (15) 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. Low Grade Boys.	3. Infant Boys.	4. Girls.	
	232	37	96	172	537
I. SPEECH.					
1. Make no attempt	2	14	7	19	42
2. Make some attempt	4	5	20	19	48
3. Make a few articulate sounds	9	6	7	14	36
4. Speak indistinctly	21	5	25	28	79
5. Speak fairly	69	4	22	34	129
6. Speak well	127	3	15	58	203
					537
II. READING.					
1. Know no letters or words	29	27	58	79	193
2. Know a few letters... ..	75	8	20	39	142
3. Know all the letters	24	1	5	13	43
4. Know at sight a few words	16	0	8	26	50
5. Read easy words and spell them	46	1	2	2	51
6. Read fairly*	42	0	3	13	58
<i>* 79 Patients read books alone for amusement.</i>					537
III. WRITING.					
1. Do nothing but scribble	24	26	20	43	113
2. Form strokes, &c., on slate... ..	70	9	57	59	195
3. Do. do. in copy book	18	1	7	15	41
4. Form letters in copybook	26	0	4	25	55
5. Write easy words in copy book	49	1	3	15	68
6. Write fairly*	45	0	5	15	65
<i>*86 Patients write letters home with assistance and 26 without assistance.</i>					537
<i>861 Letters have been written and sent home during the past year.</i>					
IV. ARITHMETIC.					
1. Cannot count at all	17	27	30	51	125
2. Count a little	77	8	35	35	155
3. Count up to 30	29	2	15	39	85
4. Understand value of unit figures	38	0	5	17	60
5. Work simple addition sums	51	0	8	26	85
6. Work easy sums in simple rules*	20	0	3	4	27
<i>*8 Boys work sums in the compound rules.</i>					537

TABLE OF SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS—*continued.*

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS.				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Low Grade Boys.	3. Infant Boys.	4. Girls.	
V. CLOCK LESSON,	232	37	96	172	537
1. Know neither hours nor minutes ...	68	36	76	115	295
2. Know some of the hours	51	1	14	38	104
3. Know all the hours	36	0	2	7	45
4. Know the hours and quarters	30	0	4	8	42
5. Do. do. and 5 minutes	19	0	0	0	19
6. Can tell the time to a minute	28	0	0	4	32
VI. SHOP LESSON.					537
1. Know no coins nor weights... ..	21	32	62	92	207
2. Know a few coins	47	4	25	45	121
3. Do. do. and weights	73	1	4	15	93
4. Know all the coins and some weights	37	0	2	12	51
5. Know all the coins and weights and calculate a little	33	0	3	3	39
6. Do. do. and calculate fairly ...	21	0	0	5	26
VII. COLOUR LESSON.					537
1. Know no colours	23	27	56	79	185
2. Know black and white	18	1	18	18	55
3. Know one or two simple colours ...	36	3	10	33	82
4. Know all the simple colours	40	4	6	24	74
5. Do. do. and some compound shades	64	1	4	6	75
6. Know and can match most compound shades	51	1	2	12	66
VIII. MUSIC.					537
1. No interest in musical sounds	0	1	0	4	5
2. Attentive to do. do.	1	18	28	39	86
3. Sing by ear simple tunes without words	70	14	31	49	164
4. Do. do. with words ...	155	4	37	80	276
5. Rudimentary knowledge of musical symbols	5	0	0	0	5
6. Sing from do. do.	1	0	0	0	1
IX. DRILL.					537
1. Have no idea of drill	0	1	4	11	16
2. Stand at attention when told	0	9	22	32	63
3. Perform simple movements of limbs	0	22	20	22	64
4. Go through extension movements fairly	57	5	23	32	117
5. Do. do. do. well and march	57	0	14	31	102
6. Do. do. do. to music	118	0	13	44	175
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G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

August 27th, 1886.

TABLE OF INDUSTRIAL OCCUPATIONS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly Return 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.
	Indifferent.	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	
I. TAILORING.					
1. Preliminary Work	0	4	0	0	4
2. Sewing Linings	1	0	3	0	4
3. Do. Seams	0	0	0	0	0
4. Felling	0	0	3	3	6
5. Making Garments	0	0	1	1	2
6. Machining	0	0	0	0	0
					16 Tailors.
II. SHOEMAKING.					
1. Preliminary Work	1	1	4	0	6
2. Stitching Backs	0	0	2	0	2
3. Closing Sides	0	0	4	0	4
4. Patching and Nailing	0	0	0	0	0
5. Repairing	0	0	0	0	0
6. Bottoming (making)	0	0	0	1	1
					13 Shoemakers
III. JOINERY.					
1. Preliminary Work (use of tools)	1	0	12	2	15
2. Planing at Bench	0	1	3	0	4
3. Making frames	0	0	0	0	0
4. Making simple boxes, &c.	0	0	0	0	0
5. Work at Bench (Dovetailing, &c.)	0	1	3	3	7
6. Machine Work (boring at lathe)	0	0	0	0	0
					26 Joiners.
IV. GARDENING.					
1. Preliminary work in weeding class	6	4	13	4	27 Weeding Boys.
2. Barrow filling and emptying	0	1	6	0	7
3. Digging	0	1	3	0	4
4. Weeding amongst crops	0	0	10	0	10
5. Picking peas, fruit, &c.	0	0	3	1	4
6. Potato setting, &c.	0	0	0	0	0
					25 Gardeners.

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.	Number employed in each grade, and quality of work.				Total number employed.
	Grades of Work.	Indifferent.	Fair.	Good.		Excellent.
V. FARMING.					
1. Preliminary work—weeding, &c... ..	1	1	0	0	2
2. Cleaning yards, shippens, &c.	0	0	2	0	2
2. Feeding stock	0	0	1	0	1
4. Weeding amongst crops	0	0	1	0	1
5. Harvesting :					
<i>a</i> Gathering and raking	0	0	0	0	0
<i>b</i> Cutting and binding	0	0	0	0	0
6. Milking, &c.	0	1	2	1	4
10 Farm Boys.					
VI. INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SHOP.					
1. Picking Hair, Wool, &c.	0	9	15	1	25
2. Plaiting Coir	0	0	0	0	0
3. Mat Making	0	3	2	1	6
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
31 in Industrial Training Shop.					
VII. MISCELLANEOUS OCCUPATIONS.					
1. Shoe-cleaning	6	3	17	4	30
2. Corridor-cleaning and Ward-work	0	0	9	0	9
3. Laundry-work—mangling, &c., &c.	0	0	10	4	14
4. Store-work and Kitchen and Dairy	0	0	6	1	7
5. Assisting Stoker	0	0	1	0	1
6. Assisting Plumber	0	0	1	0	1
7. Assisting Baker	0	1	3	2	6
68 miscellaneously employed.					

Total number of Boys employed in Industrial Occupations 216.

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

30 Infant Boys receive special Industrial Lessons in School (not included in above tabulation); 14 are taught needlework, of whom 5 can hem, 4 sew fairly, 2 knit, and 3 do woolwork.

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

OCCUPATIONS OF GIRLS.	No. employed in each occupation, and quality of work.				Total number employed.
	Chief kinds of Occupation.	Indifferent.	Fair.	Good.		Excellent.
1. Preliminary work—Industrial Class	0	16	15	2	33
2. Sweeping, dusting, &c.	16	4	4	0	24
3. Bed-making	1	9	4	3	17
4. Scrubbing and general house work	0	1	3	10	14
5. Laundry-work	4	4	8	0	16
6. *Sewing and knitting	1	1	6	5	13
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*In School 43 Girls are engaged in preliminary work with needle, 22 hem, 24 sew fairly, 14 sew fairly and knit, and 18 sew fairly, knit, and do wool work.

The number of Girls employed in Industrial occupations out of school is 84, and 33 other Girls receive special Industrial lessons in school, making a total of 117 under Industrial Training.

August 27th, 1886.

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TABLE

Showing condition of Patients discharged during year.

		Males.	Females.	Total.
"Relieved"	Recovered	0	1	1
	Much improved	5	2	7
	Moderately improved	11	3	14
	Slightly improved	14	6	20
	Not improved	5	1	6
		35	13	48

TABLE

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

AGES On 1st January, 1886.	NO. OF EACH AGE RESIDENT.			NO. OF EACH AGE DECEASED.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male	Female.	Total.
From 5 to 10 years ...	19	10	29	0	0	0
10 ,, 15 ,, ...	129	74	203	4	0	4
15 ,, 20 ,, ...	166	71	237	5	3	8
20 and upwards ...	98	33	131	3	0	3
	412	188	600	12	3	15

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WORK DONE IN SHOPS, &c.

Department.	Made.	Repaired	Department.	Made.	Repaired
TAILORS.			GIRLS' WORKROOM AND WARDROBE.		
Coats	227	...	Aprons	78	51
Trousers	355	...	Chemises	28	1197
Vests	227	...	Collars ... ..	...	2182
Overcoats	1	...	Drawers	41	2111
	810	...	Dresses	14	1869
TAILORESSES.			Feeders	176	1498
Coats	16	2701	Flannel Petticoats	35	1122
Infant Boys' Garments ... ..	...	3903	Flannel Vests	183	1358
Overcoats ... ..	...	288	Hats ... ..	...	9
Trousers	19	5718	Hoods	75	292
Vests	16	1258	Jackets	16	156
	51	13868	Nightdresses... ..	25	1677
SHOEMAKERS.			Nightshirts	6	109
Boots (pairs)	444	2661	Pinafores	220	4466
UPHOLSTERERS.			Shirts ... ..	...	1366
Baskets ... ..	...	65	Skirts	71	874
Bolsters ... ..	...	249	Stays	2	115
Mats	37	1	Ulsters ... ..	...	36
Mattresses... ..	...	310		970	20488
Palliasses ... ..	...	51	LINEN ROOM.		
Wool Beds ... ..	...	17	Bed Protectors	12	22
	37	693	Bolster Slips... ..	163	737
BOYS' WARDROBE.			Blankets... ..	545	143
Aprons	60	1260	Blinds	2	18
Collars ... ..	..	2189	Counterpanes	36	465
Drawers ... ..	...	2469	Dinner Napkins	24	22
Flannel Vests	91	2983	Pillow Slips	113	454
Jackets, Linen... ..	...	1269	Sheets	718	528
Nightshirts ... ..	...	1670	Table Cloths... ..	18	130
Shirts ... ..	...	5825	Toilet Covers ... ..	...	26
Socks and Stockings ... ..	...	5716	Tea Cloths	83	27
	151	23381	Towels	361	287
				2075	2859
			PLUMBERS.		
			All Plumbing, Glazing, and Smiths' work.		
			CARPENTERS.		
			All Joinery, Carpentry, Repairing Wooden Furniture, &c.		
			PAINTER.		
			Painting, Colouring, Limewashing, and Jobbing.		
			LAUNDRY.		
			Number of Pieces Washed :—		
			Sheets	63,889	
			Pinafores	30,649	
			Nightshirts	24,184	
			Nightdresses	26,282	
			Other Articles	320,837	
				465,841	

JAMES DIGGENS, SECRETARY.

EXTRACTS

FROM

"AN AFTERNOON AT THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM."

From the "CARLISLE JOURNAL, July 30th, 1886.

On Tuesday the Lord Bishop of Carlisle, as Chairman of the Cumberland Committee, visited the Asylum, and in response to a circular sent out by Dr. Barnes and Mr. R. Crowder the following ladies and gentlemen accompanied his Lordship on his visit:—Miss Mary Goodwin, Rose Castle; Mr. R. A. Allison, M.P., and Mrs. Allison, Scaleby Hall; Dr. Barnes and Mrs. Barnes, Carlisle; Mr. Horrocks, Eden Brows; Miss Helen Johnson, Castlesteads; Mr. and Mrs. Binning, Carlisle; Mr. R. Crowder, Stanwix; Mrs. Clifton Ward, St. Helens, Cockermouth; and Miss Sherwen, of Dean.

After luncheon, the party placed themselves under the guidance of Dr. Shuttleworth and Mr. Diggins, and, accompanied by Lord Winmarleigh and other friends, the different rooms in the Institution were visited. The axis of the building runs due north and south with an eastern wing near the centre, and it is pleasing to note how very clean the place is, and in what systematic order and regulation the fittings are kept. Plenty of air and light are admitted to all parts, so that these poor creatures whom nature has not dealt too kindly with shall see the sunshine when it pierces into their bright and cheerful bedrooms and comes streaming through the windows of their workshops and school rooms. Walking along the Wrigley corridor to the north the visitors have an opportunity of seeing the snow-white cots of the inmates and private rooms for patients as well as the associated rooms where two or more young children are placed together so that mutual benefit may be derived. A few specimens of the handicraft of the youngsters, for which a Diploma of Honour was awarded at the International Health Exhibition in London, were shown to the visitors, and then they passed on to the end of the corridor to the girls' schoolroom. The half-time system is adopted in the Royal Albert—the scholastic and the industrial. The teachers and superintendents do not attempt to bend the weak intellect of the poor sufferers who have had no past effort of life and enjoyment nor any bright future before them. In the girls' school the schoolmistress who came originally to the establishment as an assistant, and who now occupies the position of mistress, has under her care both the girls and infant boys. The teaching is carried out on the Kindergarten system, to which class of work the teacher has devoted many years. It was interesting to watch the children, with their clean faces and tidy appearance, following the movements of their instructor with precision and obedience, learning the numerals by means of a physical exercise, while their attention was concentrated on the lesson by a few musical notes on the piano. On a desk lay some creditable specimens of freehand drawing and

several copybooks, the writing in which, in certain cases, showed the progress of the study by an advance from the laboured, shaky, and blotched exercises at the beginning to a more clear and firm hand towards the end. The scholars seemed quite pleased to see the heads of the establishment, who gave them a few kind words, and one little fellow, who was the life and soul of the place, mounted a chair and gave as a recitation the "Two Kittens," the moral of which was to avoid quarrelling. To give forcible illustration to the declamatory points, he used his finger, observing the due emphasis with his tone. Then finding his efforts were appreciated and receiving a nod of approbation from his teacher, he gave a further illustration of his powers by reciting "Naughty Tom," at the conclusion of which he naively told his hearers, in confidence, "I can do subtraction by carrying one." One of the principal duties of the school is the shop lesson, a counter, on which are placed scales and weights, being provided for the purpose in the room. Ranged behind on shelves are jars filled with groceries, and the girls are chosen to serve at the counter, while others come to buy with money lent to them for the occasion. By this means a real traffic goes on, and the pupils are taught the relative value of money and goods. In this room a very interesting sight was witnessed in the game of dressing the May pole. A pole was placed in the centre of the room, from which depended about twenty long strips of ribbon, each being coloured either red, white, or blue. The pupils took hold of the ends, formed into a ring round the pole, and at a signal all moved round, one-half going to the right and the other to the left, winding in and out in the manner familiarly known as the "ladies' chain" in the ball room. The effect was pretty in the extreme when the ribbons had been wound their full length on the pole. This movement is also conducted to the sound of music, which is a very important factor in the curriculum. In the Industrial Room, under trained superintendence, the grown-up girls were learning to make beds and do other necessary household work. At one end of this wing there is a department for feeble children and those not able to attend school, and in another division one for older girls who are not intelligent enough to go to school.

Returning and traversing the Wrigley Corridor, the visitors were shown the patients' dining room, which is lofty and spacious, and here one of the lads who has acquired a taste for music sits in the balcony above, playing the accompaniments to grace before and after dinner on the harmonium. Going along the Asa Lees Corridor, the private apartments for the assistant medical officer and other officials, as well as a surgery, are passed, and then at the end is the boys' schoolroom, where Mr. Woods undertakes his heavy task. Here the boys, including a few who have grown up to manhood in the Institution, were engaged in writing and doing sums. The former is taught by the simplest means, but the latter is a more formidable task, and is carried out by means of a wooden frame, in which four upright steel rods are loosely placed, as well as four horizontal bars. A number of yellow, blue, red, and white balls are brought into requisition, and the white balls placed on the first line represent units, the red balls on the second line tens, the blue balls on the third hundreds, and the yellow balls on the fourth thousands. The teacher makes the scholars repeat the numbers after him as he drops a ball on the rods, and this method is found to be to a certain degree effective, but many of the boys cannot count, although others have shown a capability of improvement. In the adjoining room the boys also have shop lessons, in which they eagerly participate. Displayed in a class room at the opposite end of the schoolroom were the copybooks of the Cumberland pupils,

and here the writing was tolerably good, some specimens indeed comparing favourably with ordinary school copybooks. Away at one end of the building were a number of sad cases among the boys—what are known as the “raw material” or worst types in the Institution. Here many of them are seated doing nothing but setting up and knocking down blocks of wood. For the most part they are speechless, with little capacity for any teaching, and often unable to perform the least office for themselves, but the officials do not despair and never admit that the worst case is absolutely hopeless.

From the schoolrooms the party were conducted to the kitchen, with its baronial fireplace, where an ox might be roasted whole, and its elaborate appliances for the quick and economical preparation of food. All the work in connection with the dietary, which is a very liberal one, made up of solid and substantial ingredients, is done in a back room off the kitchen, and behind this again is the laundry, where the whole of the clothing of the establishment is washed and got up, the patients rendering useful assistance in various ways. The next places visited were the workshops, and everywhere the inmates young and old were found helping in whatever work they displayed any capacity for. In the hair-picking establishment one poor youth was pointed out who in former times used to tear his clothes to strips, but who had been induced to give up that evil propensity and devote his spare time to the labour of mat making, over which he sat patiently working while the medical superintendent showed the visitors round. The three shoemakers have the assistance of some six boys, and, with their help, they make and mend all the boots for the Institution. They all have made creditable progress. Behind them in the same room five other boys were cleaning boots. In the tailor’s department there are also three assistants looking over the boys who are arranged in a graduated scale, beginning with the learners and finishing off at the top with one boy who has succeeded in making trousers. This precocious fellow laughingly took a half-penny from his pocket, which he had treasured up as the gift of a former period, and showed it to the secretary with a knowing look. There are 22 boys engaged in the carpenters’ department, several of whom are skilled in the use of the tools. One has finished a beautiful screen and is working on another, while another lad is specially occupied in making chests of drawers.

LIST OF
CLERGYMEN AND MINISTERS

WHO HAVE ALREADY PREACHED IN AID OF THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM.

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- The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester (the late), at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- The Most Rev. the Lord Bishop of Capetown, at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- The Very Rev. C. J. Vaughan, D.D., (now Dean of Llandaff, and Master of the Temple), at the Parish Church, Leeds; Rev. Dr. Atlay (now Lord Bishop of Hereford), Vicar.
- Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar, 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. H. Barnacle, Parish Church, Knutsford.
- Rev. H. Glanville Barnacle, Holmes Chapel, Crewe.
- 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, (Birmingham) High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. John Bone, St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. J. Brack, Skerton Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. R. T. Bradbury, St. Cross' Church, Knutsford.
- Rev. W. Bridges, Holme St. Cuthbert Church, Wigton.
- Rev. C. J. Bushell, Barkisland Church, Halifax.
- Rev. F. A. Cave-Browne-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. John Crawford, Christ Church, East Knottingley.
- Rev. J. F. Cowley, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. E. Dothie (Wolverhampton), High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. F. Earle, West Tanfield Church, Bedale.
- Rev. S. Earnshaw, at Parish Church, Sheffield; Rev. Rowley Hill (now Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man), Vicar.
- Rev. Canon Eden (the late), Aberford Church, South Milford.
- Rev. J. Fleming, (the late), at the Independent Chapel, Lancaster.

- Rev. Dr. Flood, (Aylesbury), at Masham Church, Bedale; Rev. G. M. Gorham
Vicar.
- Rev. J. Francis, (Dunham-on-Trent), St. Anne's Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. E. Green, All Saints' Church, Cockermouth.
- Rev. Dr. Bedford Hall, (the late), St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.
- Rev. J. Hammersley, Alithwaite Church, Grange-over-Sands.
- 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, (Chertsey), Wesley Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. Rowley Hill, (now Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man) Parish Church, Sheffield.
- Rev. W. M. Hitchcock, Whitburn Church, Sunderland.
- Rev. J. N. Hoare, St. John's Church, Keswick.
- 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.
- Rev. C. H. Joberns, (West Bromwich), at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. J. Kenworthy, Ackworth Church, Pontefract.
- Rev. J. C. Kershaw, St. Leonard's Church, Walton-le-Dale, Preston.
- Rev. W. C. Kewish, (Darlington), Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Radcliffe Bridge,
Manchester.
- Rev. P. C. Kidd, Parish Church, Skipton.
- Rev. H. W. Kirby, Field Broughton Church, Grange-over-Sands.
- Rev. Thos. Leach, Parish Church, Burton-in-Lonsdale.
- Rev. T. Faulkner Lee, D.D., (the late), and the Rev. T. S. Polehampton, at
Christ Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. Canon Maclure, (Rochdale), Holy Trinity Church, Habergham Eaves,
Burnley.
- Rev. E. R. Mainwaring-White, Eastoft Church, Goole.
- Rev. E. F. Manby (the late), Morecambe Church.
- Rev. R. W. Marriott, Aldborough Church, Boroughbridge.
- Rev. C. Marsden, Gargrave Church.
- Rev. Robert Martin, Irlam Church, near Manchester.
- 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., (the late), South Ossett Church, Wakefield.
- Rev. A. M. Norman, Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.
- Rev. T. J. Oliver, United Methodist Free Church, Blyth.
- Rev. John Owen (the late), Unitarian Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. J. L. Pain, (Silverdale), at Warton Church; Rev. T. H. Pain, Vicar.

- Rev. T. Pain, Warton Parish Church, Carnforth.
 Rev. R. C. Pattenson, Melmerby Church, Penrith.
 Rev. Wilson Pedder, Churchtown Church, Garstang.
 Rev. F. E. Perrin (the late), Ribchester.
 Rev. G. Pickering, Trinity Church, Ulverston.
 Rev. W. E. Pryke, at the Parish Church, Lancaster,—Rev. Canon Allen, D.D.
 Vicar; 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. C. O. L. Riley, (Preston), Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. Canon Allen, D.D.,
 Vicar.
 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 (the late), Goosnargh Church, Preston.
 Rev. J. Simpson (the late), 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. T. 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. W. Stocks, St. Leonard's Church, Downham, Clitheroe.
 Rev. Geo. Style, Giggleswick, Settle.
 Rev. Alexander Thomson, D.D. (Manchester), at High Street Independent.
 Chapel, Lancaster.
 Rev. C. C. Tyte, Broompark Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. Canon Upperton, Ince Church, Chester.
 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. A. Woods, at Alithwaite Church, Grange-over-Sands; Rev. J. Hammersley,
 Vicar.
 Rev. John Wordsworth, Gosforth Church, Gosforth.
 Rev. W. Yates, Arley Parish Church, Northwich.

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 A few Friends, per Miss Nelson, Leeds, Boxes of Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Ainley, Mrs., Selby, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Allen, Rev. Canon, D.D., Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Allen, Mrs. John, Hill Side, Lancaster, a Box of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Atkinson, Mrs., Manningham, Bradford, 12s. for Christmas Tree.
 Bairstow, Mrs. M., Springfield, Cross Hills, a Parcel of "The Graphic."
 Bagnall, Mrs., Penrith, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Bagnall & Wilcock, New Street, Lancaster, 15 Boxes of Candles for Christmas Tree.
 Ballard, Mrs. A. R., Lancaster, Illustrated Magazines.
 Barrow, Mrs., Baldrand, Lancaster, Bags of Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Bell, Thomas & Co., Lancaster, a Parcel of Illustrated Magazines for Christmas Tree.
 Benson, Miss (per Dr. Shuttleworth), Books for Christmas Tree.
 Blades, Mrs., Caton, Sweets and a Box of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Bone, Mrs. St. Thomas' Vicarage, Lancaster, Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Burton, Miss Mary, Shadwell Lodge, Carlisle, Illustrated papers and coloured pictures.
 Capstick, Mrs., Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Chadwick, C., Castleton, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Clark, Miss, Queen Street, Lancaster, Apples and Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Coniston Sunday School, Children of, a Box of Flowers.
 Craven, Joseph, M.P., Thornton, Bradford, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Cripps, Miss, Springfield Hall, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Cox, Henry, Liverpool, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Dick, Mr., Hull, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Diggens, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Dorricott, Rev. I., Manchester, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Dugdale, The Misses, Symonstone Hall, Burnley, Dolls, Balls, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Eckersley, Mrs., Standish Hall, Wigan, Toys, Dolls, Mounted Pictures, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Edge, W., Bolton-le-Moors, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Edwards, Mrs., Liverpool, £1 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Fortune, Miss L., Bingley, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Greenwood, Mrs. Robert, Lancaster, Woollen Mitts for Christmas Tree.
 Greg, A., Escowbeck, Caton, Evergreens for Decorations for Christmas.
 Hadwen, Mrs., Ashfield, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Hall, W., Chemist, Lancaster, 12 boxes of Candles for Christmas Tree.
 Handley, H., Chester, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Hays, Miss, Durham, a parcel of Underclothing.
 Higgin, Mrs., Springfield Hall, Lancaster, Box of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Hill, Mrs., Walton-le-Dale, Calico for Entertainment Dresses for Christmas.
 Holme, Mrs., Kendal, Knitted Woollen Articles, Clothing, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Humphrey, Mrs., Buntingford, Herts, £2 for Christmas Tree.
 Irvin, J. H., Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
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 Johnson, Miss, Oaklands, Spital, Birkenhead, Box and Parcel of Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Lancaster & Skerton Co-operative Society, Limited, Case of Oranges and Box of Sweets for Christmas Tree.
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 McAdam, John, Manchester, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Manners, Mrs., Cheapside, Lancaster, Boxes of Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Maxsted, Miss Gladys, Lancaster, Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
 Milner, E. & J. L., Lancaster, a parcel of Illustrated Annuals for Christmas Tree.
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 Reekie, George, Manchester, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
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 Richardson, Alfred, (ex-pupil of the R. A. A.), Workington, 4 Packets of Christmas
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 Shaw, Mrs., Parkfield Terrace, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Shaw, Thomas, Gomersal, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
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 Simpson, Miss, Queen Square, Lancaster, Pictures and 10s. for Christmas Tree.
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 Smith, Miss M., Prestwich, Knitted Stockings, Books, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Smith, W. G., Market Street, Lancaster, Coloured Caps, Ties, &c., for Christmas Trees
 Starkie, Mrs. J. P. C., Ashton Hall, Lancaster, Two Barrels of Apples for Christmas
 Tree.
 Starling, Mrs., Leeds, Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Stephenson, G., North Shields, 4s. for Christmas Tree.
 Stevenson, Mrs. J. C., Leamington, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Storey, Mrs., Westfield, Lancaster, Box of Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Storey, Fred, Knaresbro', 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Sunter, T. G., Leeds, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Sutton, Mr., Lancaster, Glass and China Toys for Christmas Tree.
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 Wilson, Miss Eleanor, Kendal, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Wright, Alfred, Leeds, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
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 Cards, &c., for Christmas Tree.
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CENSUS OF IDIOTS AND IMBECILES.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

Number of Idiots and Imbeciles returned in the Householders' Schedules at the Census of 1881:—

MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
16,105.	16,612.	32,717.

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

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
LANCASHIRE	1911	1798	3709
YORKSHIRE	1414	1489	2903
DURHAM	292	322	614
CHESHIRE	376	382	758
NORTHUMBERLAND	258	228	486
CUMBERLAND	106	103	209
WESTMORLAND	40	45	85
Total of the District	4397	4367	8764

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 at the Census of 1871 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 at the Census of 1881 was 2422. 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 (Census 1881):—

Name.	Population	Idiots and Imbeciles.	Persons to One Idiot or Imbecile.	Idiots & Imbeciles per 20,000 persons.
ENGLAND AND WALES	25,974,439	32717	794	25·2
THE SEVEN COUNTIES	8,627,156	8764	984	20·3
LANCASHIRE	3,485,819	3709	940	21·2
YORKSHIRE	2,894,759	2903	997	20·0
DURHAM	875,166	614	1425	14·0
CHESHIRE	622,365	758	821	24·3
NORTHUMBERLAND	434,086	486	893	22·4
CUMBERLAND	250,647	209	1199	16·7
WESTMORLAND	64,314	85	757	26·4

NOTE.—The Counties are Registration Counties which differ slightly from the Geographical Counties.

LIST OF PLACES

FROM WHICH THE PRESENT INMATES HAVE BEEN ADMITTED.

LANCASHIRE.

	No.		No.
Accrington... ..	1	Manchester and Salford... ..	61
Ashton-under-Lyne	1	Mossley	1
Barrow-in-Furness	2	Newchurch, Warrington	1
Barrowford, Burnley	1	Newton-le-Willows	1
Bedford-Leigh	3	Oldham	15
Bolton-le-Moors	12	Pemberton, Wigan	1
Blackburn	8	Penwortham, Preston	1
Blackpool	1	Prescot, Liverpool	4
Blackrod, Wigan	1	Preston	9
Burnley	8	Quernmore, Lancaster	1
Bury	7	Radcliffe	2
Clitheroe	2	Rawtenstall	1
Coniston	1	Ribchester, Preston	1
Dalton-in-Furness	1	Rochdale	6
Farnworth, Bolton-le-Moors... ..	2	Southport	3
Fazackerley, Liverpool... ..	1	Stalybridge	1
Formby, Liverpool	1	Standish, Wigan	1
Garstang	1	Stockport	1
Garston, Liverpool	1	Todmorden	1
Harwood, Bolton-le-Moors	1	Tyldesley	1
Haslingden	2	Ulverston	1
Heysham, Lancaster	1	Walkden, Bolton-le-Moors	1
Hindley, Wigan	1	Walton-le-Dale, Preston	1
Lancaster	5	Warrington	2
Liverpool	64		
Longridge, Preston... ..	3		251
Lytham, Preston	1		

YORKSHIRE.

Allerthorpe, Bedale	1	Mirfield	1
Appersett, Hawes	1	Newlay, Leeds... ..	1
Barnoldswick, Skipton	1	Northallerton	1
Barnsley	7	Overton, Wakefield... ..	1
Batley... ..	1	Owston, Doncaster	1
Bedale	1	Queensbury, Bradford	1
Bell Busk, Skipton	1	Rastrick, Halifax	1
Bingley, Bradford	3	Richmond	1
Bradford	13	Ripley... ..	1
Bramley, Leeds	1	Ripon	1
Brighouse, Halifax	3	Rodley, Leeds	2
Dewsbury	4	Rotherham	7
Doncaster	3	Saltaire, Bradford	2
Easingwold	1	Saltburn-by-the-Sea	1
East Keswick, Leeds	1	Scarborough	1
Farnley, Leeds... ..	1	Scotton, Knaresbro'	1
Farsley, Leeds... ..	1	Sheffield	15
Gomersal, Leeds	1	Shipy, Bradford	3
Goole	5	Skipton	3
Guisborough	3	Skirlaugh	1
Halifax	12	Slaidburn	1
Hebden Bridge, Halifax... ..	2	Snaith, Selby	1
Hessle, Hull	1	Sowerby Bridge, Halifax	1
Holmfirth, Huddersfield	1	Thornton, Bradford	1
Huddersfield	5	Wakefield	2
Hull	4	West Burton, Bedale	1
Ilkley	1	West Cottingwith	1
Keighley	2	West Vale, Halifax	1
Knaresbro'	1	Whitby	2
Leeds	26	York	4
Lightcliffe, Halifax	2		
Luddenden, Halifax	2		174
Marske-by-the-Sea	1		

DURHAM.

	No.		No.
Birtley	1	Hetton-le-Hole... ..	1
Bishop Auckland	1	Langley Moor	1
Bishopwearmouth	1	New Seaham	1
Blackhill	1	New Shildon	2
Chester-le-Street	2	Seaham Harbour	1
Cornsay	1	Seaton Carew	1
Crook	1	Sleetburn	1
Darlington	5	South Shields	1
Durham	2	Stockton-on-Tees	1
Easington	1	Sunderland	2
Felling... ..	1	Wingate	1
Gateshead	2		
Hartlepool... ..	1		33

CHESHIRE.

Adlington	1	Macclesfield	1
Alsager	1	Neston	1
Birkenhead	7	Northwich... ..	1
Chester	10	Runcorn	1
Christleton, Chester	1	Saltney, Chester	1
Crewe... ..	1	Sealand, Chester	1
Knutsford	1	Stalybridge	3
Liscard	1		
Lymm... ..	1		33

CUMBERLAND.

Aspatria	1	Silloth... ..	1
Carlisle	5	Whitehaven	1
Cockermouth	2	Wigton	2
Gilgarron	1	Winscales	1
Harrington	2	Workington	2
Irthington	1		
Moor Row	1		21
Penrith	1		

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Acklington... ..	1	Stakeford, Morpeth... ..	1
Alnwick	2	Tynemouth	3
Beal	1		
Newcastle-on-Tyne... ..	6		15
North Shields	1		

WESTMORLAND.

Kendal	2	Stainton, Milnthorpe	1
Kirkby Lonsdale	1	Windermere	1
Kirkby Stephen	1		
Pooley Bridge	1		7

SUMMARY.

LANCASHIRE	251
YORKSHIRE	174
DURHAM	33
CHESHIRE... ..	33
CUMBERLAND... ..	21
NORTHUMBERLAND	15
WESTMORLAND	7
	534
OTHER COUNTIES	3
TOTAL... ..	537

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES
AT THE
ELECTION OF PATIENTS,

Held at the Town Hall, Durham, Sept. 24th, 1886,

W. H. HIGGIN, Esq., Q.C.,

PRESIDING.

LANCASHIRE.

	Votes.
Bolton, Nellie, Manchester	11,123
Birch, Alice Ann, Bolton-le-Moors	10,623
Covell, Thomas, Liverpool	10,267
Potter, Henry, Golborne, Newton-le-Willows	9,880
Parkington, Thos. A., Hulme, Manchester... ..	9,440
Leibrich, Alexander C., Manchester	9,291
Bromley, George, Pendleton, Manchester	8,834
Darbyshire, Thomas, Winton, Manchester... ..	8,319
Taylor, Ada, Blackburn	8,295
McCardle, Alice, Salford	8,121
Jeffrey, William, Gorton, Manchester	8,064
Barker, William, Bolton-le-Moors... ..	7,864
Sutton, William H. H., Kirkdale, Liverpool	7,852
Ingham, John Henry, Middleton, Manchester	7,808
Dyter, John Arthur, Seaforth, Liverpool	7,635
Clarke, William Alfred, Liverpool... ..	7,304
Hunter, John Thomas, Barrow-in-Furness... ..	7,087
Taylor, Sarah Jane, Salford	7,025
Webb, Alice Lavinia, Leigh	6,878
Ashworth, Emma, Burnley	6,857
Coupe, Mary E., Royton, Oldham	6,470
Metcalfe, John, Manchester	6,463
Schofield, Ada, Rochdale	6,436
Hulley, Sarah Ellen, Radcliffe, Manchester	6,270
Williams, M. Florence, Worsley, Manchester	6,128
McKnight, Catherine E., Nelson	6,019
Laxton, Mary G., Whalley	5,990
Ellison, Thomas Arthur, Cheetham, Manchester	5,962
Collins, Ada, Preston	5,450
Lowther, Ross, Toxteth, Liverpool	5,375
Lloyd, Emily F., Churchtown, Southport	5,356
Finn, William John, Liverpool	5,131

YORKSHIRE.

	Votes.
Kettlewell, Mark, Middleton, Leeds	5,620
Jones, Wm. E. B., Bradford	5,591
Dyson, George, Stainforth, Doncaster	4,986
Rayner, Edith A., Clifton, Brighouse	4,714
Goodman, Annie E., Shadwell, Leeds	4,595
Tillotson, Sarah E., Addingham, Leeds	4,516
Flynn, Luke, Doncaster	4,498
Wilson, Annie, Halifax	4,277
Fleming, John Wm., Sowerby Bridge	4,145
Vizard, Louisa C., New Wortley, Leeds	3,974
Blair, William, Sheffield	3,898
Stott, Mary Hannah, Keighley	3,870
Lupton, Ernest, Halifax... ..	3,846
Dove, James, Hoyland Common, Barnsley... ..	3,808
Button, Margaret, York	3,498
Sykes, Herbert J., Huddersfield	3,089
Stead, Alice, Leeds	3,009
Tindall, Ethel T., Burley-in-Wharfedale	2,944
Crawford, Benjamin, Scarborough	2,879
Wiseman, Lenn, Bell Busk, Skipton	2,839
Webster, Arthur, Birstall, Leeds	2,796
Tiplady, Samuel, Bradford	2,673

CHESHIRE.

Lowe, Ada, Cross Town, Knutsford	1,304
Barrow, Annie, Mobberley	1,228
Taylor, Drusilla, Siddington, Chelford	1,203
Langford, Harriet, Chester	1,162
Wregg, Edward Ernest, Birkenhead	1,050
Henshall, Thomas Percival, Chester	879

WESTMORLAND.

Baines, James S., Elterwater, Ambleside... ..	329
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CUMBERLAND.

Boyle, Edward, Cumwhitton, Carlisle	1,133
Bird, John, Crowsyke Head, Stapleton... ..	931

DURHAM.

Hodge, John, Sunderland... ..	969
Alderson, George J. W., Bishop Auckland	836
Watson, William, Whickham... ..	636
Tindale, Ernest, West Hartlepool... ..	566
Standing, Samuel W., Darlington	556
Marshall, Mary E., Sunderland	535

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Potts, Walter, South Benwell, Newcastle	156
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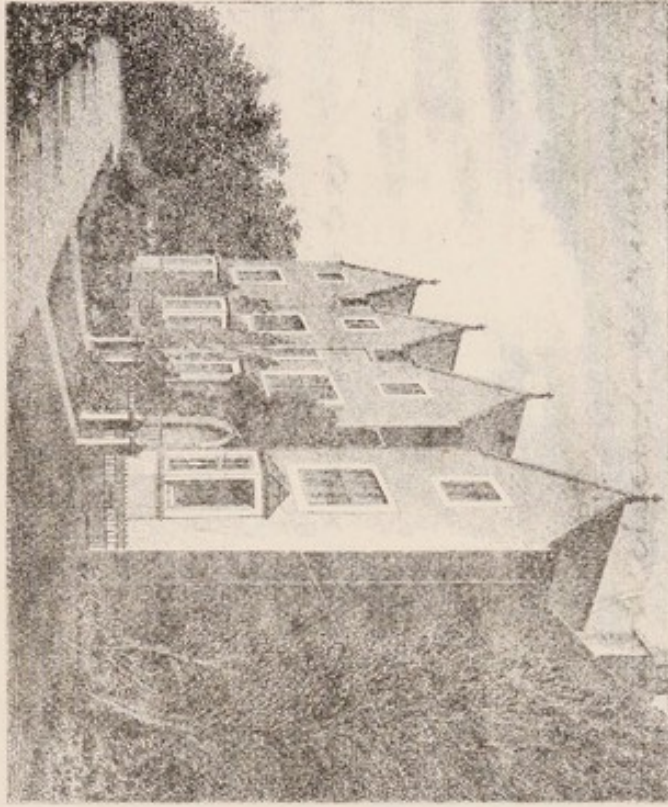
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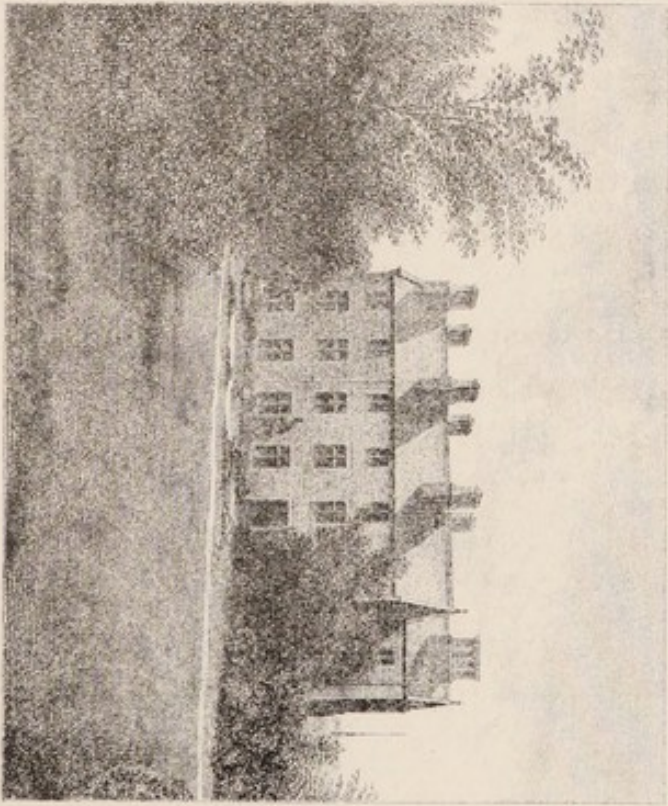
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