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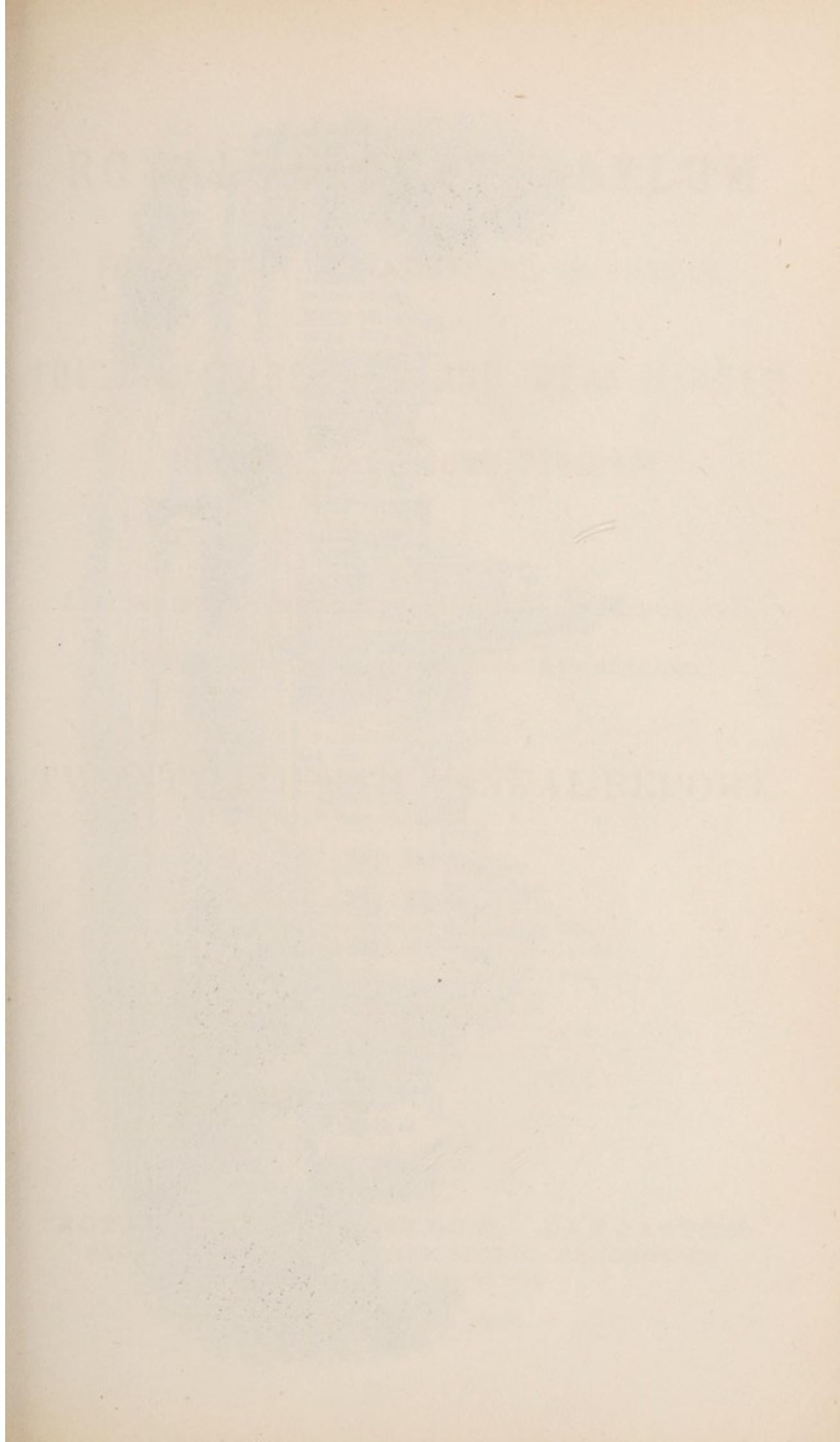
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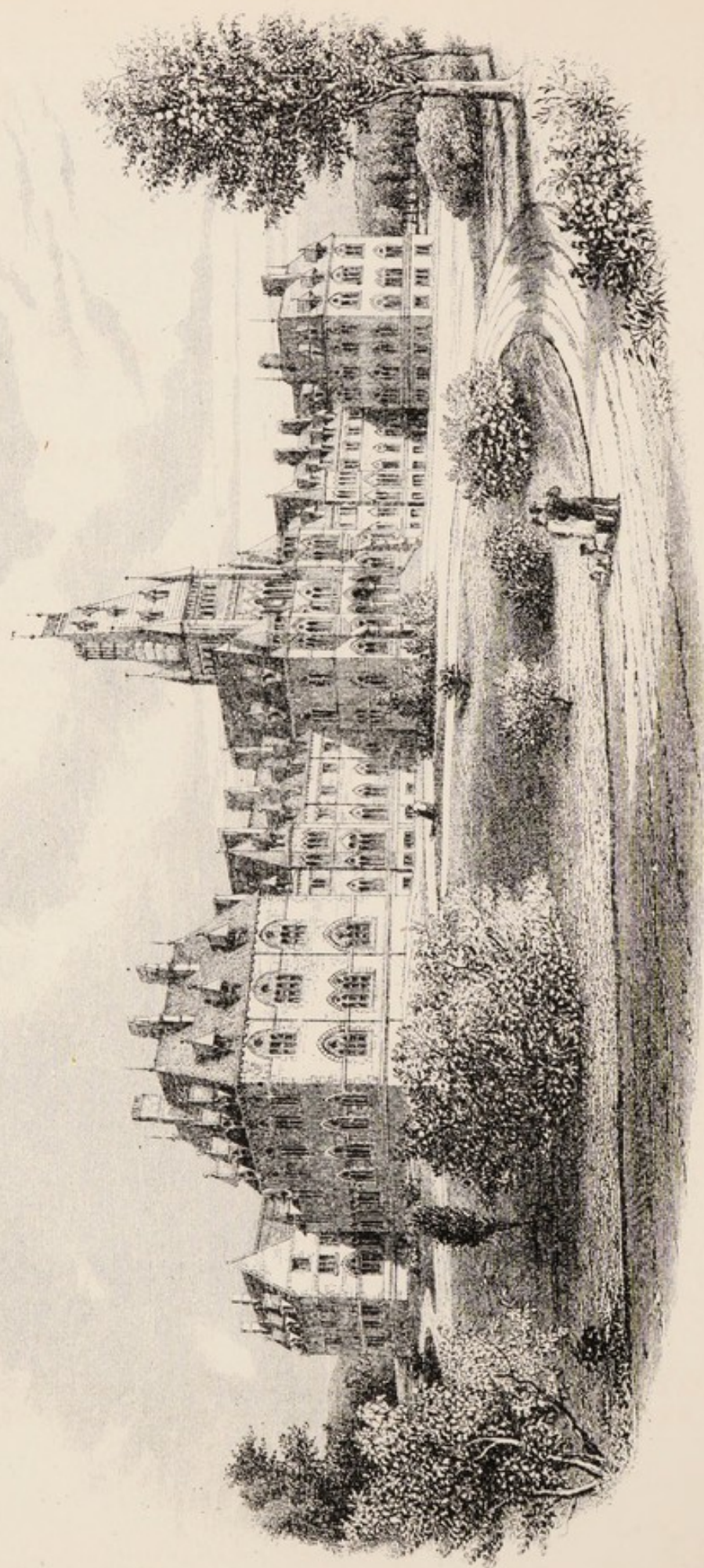
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THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, LANCASTER.

ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM
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IDIOTIC, IMBECILE, AND WEAK-MINDED
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS,
BELONGING TO
LANCASHIRE, YORKSHIRE, CHESHIRE, WESTMORLAND,
CUMBERLAND, DURHAM, AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

TWENTY-FOURTH 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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DECEMBER, 1888.

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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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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, sensual, 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 553 patients now in the Asylum, 250 belong to Lancashire, 179 to Yorkshire, 40 to Cheshire, 37 to Durham, 20 to Cumberland, 15 to Northumberland, 7 to Westmorland. Five 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 Visitor*, 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.

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December, 1888.

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 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 combines, 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,
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GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING AT HALIFAX.

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The GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Subscribers to the Royal Albert Asylum was held at the Mechanics' Hall, Halifax, on Tuesday, December 18th, 1888 ;

THE MOST HON. THE MARQUIS OF RIPON, K.G.,

IN THE CHAIR.

The Proceedings having been opened with Prayer by the Very Rev. the Dean of Chichester (Dr. Pigou), the Annual Report of the Central Committee was presented by the General Secretary (Mr. James Diggins), and the Chairman addressed the Meeting.

The following RESOLUTIONS were unanimously passed :—

- 1.—That this Meeting approves and adopts the Report now presented ; and whilst recognising therein gratifying evidences of progress, this meeting urges the Friends of the Royal Albert Asylum to renewed exertions in its behalf, so that its financial resources may be increased, and the benefits of the Institution may thus be further extended to a greatly afflicted class of young persons, whose peculiarly sad condition strongly appeals to the compassionate charity of the benevolent.

Moved by the Lord Bishop of Wakefield (Dr. Walsham How) ; seconded by the Right Hon. John T. Hibbert (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee) ; and supported by the Very Rev. the Dean of Chichester (Dr. Pigou).

- 2.—That the cordial thanks of this Meeting be given to the Collectors of the Halifax Ladies' Association for their very earnest and successful efforts in aid of the funds of the Royal Albert Asylum ; that grateful acknowledgment be also made of the valuable assistance of other Ladies' Associations ; and that the co-operation of the County and Local Committees be invited for the formation of additional Ladies' Associations in Yorkshire and the other Counties.

Moved by Sir Andrew Fairbairn, Knt., (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee) ; seconded by Edward Crossley, Esq., M.P.

- 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 :—

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Moved by Thomas Wayman, Esq., M.P. ; seconded by John Whitley, Esq., Halifax.

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

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Moved by Sir Thomas Storey, Knt., Lancaster, (Vice-Chairman of the House Committee) ; seconded by Richard Hurst, Esq., Rochdale.

- 5.—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Honorary Auditor, Sir Thomas Storey 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 Samuel J. Harris, Esq., as Honorary Auditor, and Mr. W. G. Welch, as Professional Auditor.

Moved by the Mayor of Lancaster (Ald. C. Blades) ; seconded by Major Foster, Hornby Castle, Lancaster.

- 6.—That, under Rule 35, the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton be and is hereby appointed an additional Trustee for Lands.

Moved by B. S. Brigg, Esq., Keighley ; seconded by Albert Greg, Esq., Lancaster.

- 7.—That, under Rule 36, Frederic J. Harrison, Esq., of Liverpool, and Charles F. Tetley, Esq., of Leeds, be and are hereby appointed additional Trustees for Investments.

Moved by J. B. Dewhurst, Esq., Skipton ; seconded by the Rev. Bryan Dale, M.A., Halifax.

- 8.—That, circumstances permitting, the next General Annual Meeting of this Institution be held at Liverpool, on Wednesday, September 25th, 1889 ; and that notice thereof be given in the Liverpool, Lancaster, Manchester, Halifax, Bradford, Leeds, York, Sheffield, Chester, Kendal, Carlisle, Durham, and Newcastle Newspapers.

Moved by Charles F. Tetley, Esq., Leeds ; seconded by Charles France, Esq., Bradford.

A cordial Vote of Thanks to the Chairman was moved by Thomas F. Fenwick, Esq., Kirkby Lonsdale ; seconded by Francis M. Lupton, Esq., Leeds.

AN ELECTION OF SIXTY PATIENTS belonging to Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham, and Northumberland, was subsequently held at the Mechanics' Hall, Halifax, under the presidency of Sir Andrew Fairbairn, Knt., Chairman of the Yorkshire Committee.

REPORT

Presented at the General Annual Meeting,

At Halifax, December 18th, 1888.

THE Central Committee have much pleasure in presenting Halifax support. to the Subscribers their Twenty-fourth Annual Report. The last General Annual Meeting at Halifax was held in 1877 ; and the first election of Yorkshire patients took place at Halifax in 1870. The Royal Albert Asylum has always been generously supported in the West Riding of Yorkshire, and in no portion of the district of the Seven Northern Counties has it received more liberal assistance than in the town and parish of Halifax. Since the year 1877 the Central Committee have had the powerful aid of one of the most efficient of the Ladies' Associations which have contributed so much to the financial prosperity of the Institution. The Committee feel that, without the slightest invidiousness, they may refer to the zealous and successful labours of Mrs. J. Hodgson Wright, who, with Mrs. F. E. Rawson and Mrs. J. Edwards Hill, accepted their invitation to form a Ladies' Association, and whose continuous and self-denying exertions have sustained the organisation in excellent efficiency from the commencement. The example thus set by the ladies of Halifax has been followed by York, Leeds, and Bradford, in the West Riding. The Halifax Ladies' Association was the second established in the North of England for the benefit of the Institution. Not a few of the

earlier liberal supporters of the Asylum, as the three brothers Crossley, Mr. John Abbott, Mr. Joshua Appleyard, Colonel Akroyd, have passed away, but the Central Committee rejoice to know that the number of contributors in the district has steadily increased, and that a hearty and thoroughly practical interest in the successful working and support of the Royal Albert Asylum was never greater than at the present time.

General Annual
Meeting at
Chester.

The last General Annual Meeting was held at Chester, under the presidency of the High Sheriff (Mr. James Tomkinson), who, at a very brief notice, kindly consented to take the place of the Chairman of the Cheshire Committee, His Grace the Duke of Westminster, K.G., who was unavoidably prevented from being present. The meeting was well attended by subscribers, and especially by members of the Cheshire Ladies' Association; and the Central Committee was ably represented by the Right Hon. John T. Hibbert and Mr. Edward Lawrence (Vice-Chairmen), Mr. H. Garnett, and other gentlemen, whose zealous labours for the Institution continue undiminished. The principle of holding the General Annual Meeting in different important centres of the North of England, must conduce to sustain and extend an active interest in the welfare of the Asylum; and has the advantage of bringing the Central Committee into direct communication with Local Committees and other active supporters.

Election of
Patients at
Chester.

In connection with the General Annual Meeting at Chester, there was an election of 60 patients, at which Mr. Ald. Charles Brown—who has given many proofs of his earnest interest in the Asylum—presided. Mr. Ald. C. Brown afterwards hospitably entertained at luncheon the members of the Central Committee attending the Election, and other friends of the Institution.

Quinquennial
Festival.

The most important event in the history of the Royal Albert Asylum during the year has been the fourth Quinquennial Festival, dating from the Foundation Stone Ceremony and Festival in 1868. The previous presidents were in 1873, the Earl of Derby; in 1878, the Marquis of Hartington; in 1883, Lord Egerton of Tatton; all of whom

have actively promoted the success of the Institution, and been among its staunchest friends. At the recent Festival the Committee were so fortunate as to have the presidency of Lord Herschell, who, as Lord Chancellor, had promoted the passing of the Idiots Act, 1886, which secures the separation of Imbeciles from the category of Lunatics, and thus, by the exemption from numerous vexatious formalities and restrictions, facilitates the admission of educable imbeciles into training institutions such as the Royal Albert Asylum. This reform had been ardently desired and earnestly advocated for many years, having been repeatedly referred to with approval by the Commissioners in Lunacy in their Annual Reports. The Idiots Act works satisfactorily, and relieves the parents of imbeciles, as well as the managers of the Institution, from much unnecessary trouble and anxiety. Lord Herschell may well "rejoice to think that any act of his whilst filling the office of Lord Chancellor, should be associated with the relief of those who suffer as the inmates of the Royal Albert Asylum suffer." In the course of an able and eloquent address at the Banquet, Lord Herschell said :—

Speech of
Lord Herschell.

"The object of the charity they were then met to aid appealed to all of them with overwhelming force. It was sad enough to have lost a single sense. To be deprived of the power of sight, and thus living in perpetual darkness ; to be unable to hear the speech of our fellow men, or to communicate to them our thoughts, these were great afflictions, fitly met by noble institutions. But surely there were those deserving of even greater pity, who were without the divine faculty of reason, which co-ordinated all our senses, and enabled us to enjoy them in their fullest measure. The sight might be unimpaired, but the world that the imbecile saw was not the world that we saw, and called up none of the same beautiful thoughts or delightful associations. The ear might be open to outward sound, and the speech of a fellow man be distinctly heard, but it conveyed none of the ideas, stirring and ennobling, that in many cases were conveyed to us. It was thought, not so many years ago, that all that had to be done to those who were thus unfortunate was to take care of them, to keep them out of harm's way ; such was then the highest flight of philanthropy in that direction. The time was not long distant when the imbecile was simply regarded as an object to be tormented or persecuted by the village or district in which he resided. The happy superstition in the East which regarded all who were without reason as saintly, because their souls were supposed to be in better regions, preserved them from harm or torment ; but here in the West, where no such superstition existed, their lot was indeed of the saddest description. But now the outcome of medical science and the growth of thoughtful philanthropy had been such that men were not content to merely safeguard those who were thus unfortunate, but had determined and succeeded in making their lives very different from what they would have been if they had been left untended and uncared for. It had been found that there existed among almost all those unfortunates some point at which we could come in contact with them ; some spark of intelligence which might be

fanned into a flame. Difficult enough it might be to discover the particular spot where that spark rested, but experience, and a loving care and watchfulness, triumphed even over these difficulties. Those who in times gone by would have been regarded as doomed to a life of hopeless imbecility had been now rendered in some cases as capable of thinking, reasoning, and taking part in the battle of life as their fellow men, while in a great number of cases, though defects existed, the patient had been so much improved as to be a useful and happy member of society.

"During the seventeen years the Royal Albert Asylum had been in operation, 1,151 patients had been cared for; some had died, and there were now 553 inmates. There had been discharged from the Institution 424, and of that number four were discharged absolutely cured, retaining no trace of imbecility. That was a remarkable result, and one which not long ago would have been deemed impossible, and if the Institution had done no more it would alone have justified its establishment, and the time and money spent upon it. But, in addition, 110 had left greatly improved; 120 moderately improved; and 125 slightly improved. There were only 65 in whom no improvement had been traced. If we reflected for a moment on what that gradual improvement meant, one might see how much had been done by that Institution, not only to add to the happiness of those unfortunate inmates, but also to that of the numbers which constituted the families to whom they belonged. They had taken from those families the burden of watching over those for whom they were ill-fitted to care. For every one whom they thus benefited, they cheered and brightened the lives of three, four, five, half-a-dozen others. He could not but think that that record of 1 per cent. absolutely cured and 84 per cent. improved was a matter upon which they might well be congratulated. It might be interesting to inquire what had been the future life of those who had enjoyed the benefits of that Institution. The career had been traced of 176 who left there after completing their full term. Of these 18, or rather more than 10 per cent., were now earning wages; 9 were employed in remunerative work at home; 6 more were in a position to keep themselves by earning wages, although at that moment out of work; 38 were more or less useful in their own homes; 39 remained at home and were not quite the burden that they formerly were. The great object of that Institution was, as Dr. Shuttleworth, the medical superintendent, had stated, to try and find out what was the particular faculty which might be developed and turned to account. That work was often one of great difficulty, but it was not insuperable, and it was by specially cultivating these faculties that such great results could be achieved."

The thoughtful address, from which the foregoing extracts have been made, evinces a masterly grasp of the details of the working of the Institution as well as a thorough acquaintance with the subject of the education of the imbecile. It has been re-printed, and, together with a full report of the proceedings at the Festival, will well re-pay an attentive perusal.

Opening of the
Winmarleigh
Recreation Hall.

The occasion of the Quinquennial Festival was chosen for other interesting incidents, the most important being the formal opening of the Winmarleigh Recreation Hall. The objects of this Hall have been fully described in former reports. It has been erected from plans prepared by

Messrs. Paley and Austin, the architects of the Asylum, and it comprises a large room in the basement 50 ft. wide and 58 ft. long, which is to be used as a playroom for the girls and junior boys in wet and inclement weather; and of a spacious room above 52 ft. wide and 79 ft. in length, in addition to an orchestra or platform of considerable dimensions, underneath which are several convenient rooms available for purposes auxiliary to entertainments. At the north end is a spacious gallery capable of accommodating 200 persons, and in which has been erected a beautiful Organ presented by that excellent friend of the Institution, Mrs. F. E. Rawson, of Thorpe, Halifax. The building was formally opened by Lord Herschell. The delay in completing the building rendered it impossible for H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor to perform the ceremony, as had been originally arranged, which was the cause of serious disappointment. The building and furniture have cost £6,530, towards which the sum of £6,000 has been raised, £1,100 having been subscribed in connection with the Quinquennial Festival. There is still a debt of £530, which the Committee are anxious to have liquidated without encroaching on the other funds of the Institution.

The following is a list of the Contributions to the Recreation Hall Fund which have been received since the last Report:—Mr. Wm. Tattersall, Milnthorpe, £250 additional; Mr. Heath Harrison, Liverpool, £105; Sir Thomas Brocklebank, Bart., Liverpool, £100; Mr. Wm. Hinners, Eccles, Manchester, £100; Mr. Samuel Lees, Park Bridge, Ashton-under-Lyne, £100; Mr. James Walker, Mirfield, £100; Sir Frederick T. Mappin, Bart., M.P. Sheffield, £55 additional; the Co-operative Wholesale Society, Limited, Manchester, £52 10s.; Major Foster, Hornby Castle, Lancaster, £52 10s.; Mr. Henry Maden, Bacup, £50; Mr. Hanson Ormerod, Brighouse, £50 additional; Mr. Wm. Slater, Sharples, Bolton-le-Moors, £50; the County of Durham Ladies' Association, Purses, £42; Sir Andrew Fairbairn, Knt., Leeds, £26 5s.; Mr. Thomas Ashton, Hyde, £25; Colonel Gamble, C.B., St. Helens, £25; Mr. Arthur H. Heywood, Windermere, £25 additional; Mr. Oliver Heywood,

Donations to the
Winmarleigh
Recreation Hall
Fund.

Manchester, £25 additional; Messrs. Paley and Austin, Lancaster, £25; Mr. John Parrington, Liverpool, £25; Messrs. Samuel Radcliffe and Sons, Manchester, £25; the Right Hon. the Earl of Sefton, K.G., £25; Mr. Robert Walters, Newcastle, £25; "G," per Mr. John W. Mellor, Rochdale, £21; Sir Arthur E. Middleton, Bart., Belsay Castle, Northumberland, £21; Mr. E. G. S. Hornby, Dalton Hall, Westmorland, £20 additional; Mr. Daniel Procter, Manchester, £20; Mr. Richard Oakley, London, £15 15s.; Mr. T. W. Backhouse, Sunderland, £13 13s.; Mr. W. G. Ainslie, M.P., Hawkshead, £10 10s.; Mrs. Ainslie, Hawkshead, £10 10s.; Mr. Henry Cox, Liverpool, £10 10s. additional; Mrs. Dover, Keswick, £10 10s.; Mr. Henry W. Gair, Liverpool, £10 10s.; Colonel R. Raynsford Jackson, Sydenham, £10 10s.; Mr. Alfred Law, Littleborough, £10 10s.; Lieut.-Colonel Marton, Capernwray, £10 10s.; Mr. Edwyn Payne, Carnforth, £10 10s.; Mr. John Walker, Dewsbury, £10 10s.; Mr. W. G. Welch, Lancaster, £10 10s. additional; Mr. Charles Wheatley, Mirfield, £10 10s.; Mr. Thomas Woodburne, Ulverston, £10 10s.; Colonel J. Ireland Blackburne, Liverpool, £10; Mr. Charles Blades, Lancaster, £10; Mr. W. Scott Brown, Manchester, £10; Mr. Henry Garnett, Lancaster, £10; Mr. F. W. Grafton, Heysham Hall, Lancaster, £10; Mr. Albert Greg, Lancaster, £10 additional; Mr. Robert Hampson, Bowdon, £10; Colonel Hutchinson, Bury, £10; Mr. C. R. Jacson, Preston, £10; Mr. Charles Langton, Liverpool, £10; Sir James Ramsden, Knt., Furness Abbey, £10; the Misses Sherson, Lancaster, £10; Miss S. A. Tetlow, Patricroft, £10; Mrs. Wilson, Dallam Tower, Milnthorpe, £10; and other small donations amounting to £214 17s. 6d.

Collecting
Purses.

Attention is specially invited to the valuable assistance rendered, through the continued zealous co-operation of the Honorary Secretary, Miss Hays, by members of the Durham Ladies' Association, in taking collecting purses for the purpose of obtaining contributions for the Recreation Hall Fund. These exertions in aid of the Asylum were in addition to the ordinary labours of the ladies, and were most successful. Possibly other ladies may be induced to follow this laudable example.

The upper room of the Hall is to be used for religious services, concerts, and entertainments; and the first occasion of its practical use was for a religious service kindly conducted by the Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar of Lancaster, who is an active member of the Central Committee. Dr. Allen gave an excellent address to the members of the Staff, and also spoke to the patients in an interesting manner.

First Religious
Service
in the Hall.

Some time previously to this Festival, the Central Committee had decided to present to their Secretary, Mr. Diggins, some token of their appreciation of the very able manner in which, from the foundation of the Royal Albert Asylum, he had discharged the important duties of his office, and it was determined to take advantage of this meeting, which, in all probability, would be attended by a large number of visitors, friends, and subscribers, to present to him his portrait. The presentation, by Lord Winmarleigh as Chairman of the Central Committee, took place in the De Vitre Hall of the Institution, in the presence of a very numerous assembly. The portrait had been painted by Mr. Sydney Hodges, an eminent artist, whose works are daily becoming better known to the public, and was much admired both as a work of art and a striking likeness. Lord Winmarleigh, in making the presentation, adverted to several of the more important services which Mr. Diggins had rendered to the Institution, and concluded by requesting him to accept the portrait as a small token of the regard in which he is held by the Central Committee as well as by all the subscribers to the Institution. Mr. Diggins, in a speech characterised by much modesty, accepted the testimonial, and, after making several interesting allusions to the various munificent contributions to the Asylum, requested the Central Committee to accept the portrait to be hung within the walls of the building. The portrait has now been placed in the Board Room of the Asylum, and will be a lasting record of Mr. Diggins's services.

Presentation to
the Secretary.

Another important incident in the proceedings at the Quinquennial Festival was the unveiling of the statues of Her Majesty the Queen and the late Prince Consort, which had been presented to the Institution by Mr. James Harrison,

Statues of
Her Majesty
the Queen
and the late
Prince Consort.

of Dornden, Tunbridge Wells, and formerly of Liverpool. Mr. Harrison is a liberal contributor to the funds of the Institution, and has long been a member of the Central Committee. The statues had been placed in niches over the massive arched doorway at the main entrance of the Asylum, and the ceremony of unveiling them was performed by Mr. Harrison in the presence of a large assembly of subscribers and friends. Lord Egerton of Tatton accepted the statues on behalf of the Central Committee, and referred to the interest Her Majesty had taken in the Institution.

New Boilers,
&c.

During the year the extensive alterations as regards the heating and laundry arrangements have been completed. Two large boilers, a new boiler house, four of Berryman's Steam Heaters necessitating new heating apparatus, have had to be provided, together with new drying stoves and other improvements in the laundry. These additions and alterations have been carried out in accordance with the plans and specification of the honorary engineer, Mr. James Mansergh, C.E., of Westminster, whose services have been of great value to the Institution. Unfortunately very great expense has had to be incurred, the total cost having been £3,832, of which £2,192 remains to be raised. The outlay on this account is a heavy charge upon the Maintenance Fund, and it is hoped that the liberality of the friends of the Institution will be increased so as to cover, without difficulty, this most necessary and unavoidable expenditure.

Contributions
from the
Associated
Counties

The Contributions to the Maintenance and Sustentation Funds received during the year from each of the Seven Associated Counties are as follows:—

COUNTIES.	MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.		SUSTENTA- TION FUND.	TOTAL.
	Annual Subscrip- tions.	Donations	Legacies.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
LANCASHIRE	1667 5 11	263 1 0	1100 0 0	3030 6 11
YORKSHIRE	1435 6 0	171 5 2	.....	1606 11 2
CHESHIRE	493 8 9	106 16 7	.....	600 5 4
WESTMORLAND	112 18 0	5 11 6	.....	118 9 6
CUMBERLAND	331 8 5	41 7 9	.....	372 16 2
DURHAM	427 12 8	7 7 0	.....	434 19 8
NORTHUMBERLAND	31 10 0	1 1 0	.....	32 11 0
	4499 9 9	596 10 0	1100 0 0	6195 19 9

The total amount of such contributions received in the previous year was £7,874 7s. 6d., of which £2,627 8s. 6d. consisted of legacies. This year the legacies have amounted to £1,100. This is a source of revenue which is necessarily of a very uncertain character and of late years it has declined. The Central Committee would earnestly impress upon the subscribers and friends of the charity its importance as contributing greatly to the permanance and stability of the Institution. The interest and dividends of the Sustentation (Endowment) Fund have increased from £3,898 10s. 10d. to £3,942 5s od ; but whilst this is undoubtedly a very valuable item of income, it cannot be considered as in any degree adequate to the necessities of the benevolent work which the Institution has to accomplish. The Committee trust, therefore, that liberal bequests will continue to be received in aid of the Sustentation Fund. The total amount of the Annual Subscriptions is very slightly more than in the previous year, being £4,499 9s. 9d. against £4,491 7s. 8d, in the last report. There has been a slight falling off in the amounts from Yorkshire, Cumberland, Durham and Northumberland, and a counter-balancing increase in the Subscriptions from Lancashire, Cheshire and Westmorland. But the Committee are decidedly of opinion that the sum of £4,500 is a very inadequate contribution in the form of Annual Subscriptions from so populous and wealthy a district as the seven Northern Counties of England ; and even for that amount the Institution is greatly indebted to the Ladies' Associations, which have raised this year no less than £2,008 10s. 10d. And as regards Lancashire and Yorkshire, which derive the greatest benefit from the Institution, it is only reasonable to appeal for a largely increased Annual Subscription list. It is to be hoped that the Local Committees will kindly give this subject their best consideration, and heartily co-operate in efforts to obtain additional Annual Subscriptions. In order to meet fully the obligations of the Maintenance Account, it is desirable also that a considerable amount should be annually raised in Donations.

In reviewing the financial progress of the year, the Central Committee feel that there is much cause for gratitude. But the special expenditure has been unusually heavy ; and

the contributions to the Recreation Hall Fund have probably seriously interfered with ordinary donations to the Maintenance Fund. The total amount received during the year from all sources has been £21,468 13s. 8d., viz :—£19,319 16s. for the Maintenance Fund, £1,100 for the Sustentation Fund, and £1,048 17s. 8d. for the Recreation Hall fund. Of the amount received on Maintenance Account no less a sum than £9,444 16s. consists of payments for patients, representing nearly one-half the entire income of that fund. It is, however, £107 11s. 10d. less than was received in the previous year, but the deficiency is easily accounted for by special circumstances with respect to one or two patients. The friends of Election patients are still encouraged to contribute towards the support of such cases, even if it be only at the rate of a shilling a week. In the past year the sum of £843 11s. 3d. has been received from them. It is found that such contributions stimulate the interest of the parents in the patients, and they are not exacted in seasons of pecuniary embarrassment, as when the bread-winners are out of employment, or there is sickness or other serious trouble in the families. The desire is to cultivate a feeling of self-help among those who are the beneficiaries of the Institution. It is obvious that the benevolent operations of the Institution would have to be greatly restricted if it were not for the large amount received from the payments for patients generally.

Investments.

The sum of £536 6s. 9d. has been invested in the purchase of an additional £500 of Canadian Government Inscribed Stock at 4 per cent., and £556 7s. 9d. in the purchase of an additional £500 of Victorian Government Inscribed Stock at 4 per cent.

Weekly Cost.

The average cost of maintenance per head, reckoned upon the number of patients, and including all office and administrative charges, as well as the maintenance of the large indoor staff, has been 13s. 4d. per week. This amount includes charges for workshops, repairs, painting, building, and furniture. Omitting these items, the weekly cost per head has been 12s. 3¼d. The cost of patients and staff for food and clothing is at the rate of 5s. 8¼d. per week,

calculated upon the average number of patients only. The items in which there has been most increase of expenditure are salaries and wages, provisions, coals, workshops, repairs, and painting. There has been a considerable outlay for re-making walks, and for special work in the grounds and plantations which could not be delayed any longer. The net increase of expenditure on Maintenance Account is £642 14s. 10d., and the net decrease of income £106 11s. 3d.

For more detailed information on the financial state of the Institution, reference may be made to the Balance Sheets, which have been duly audited by Sir Thomas Storey, honorary auditor, and Mr. W. G. Welch, the professional auditor, whose long familiarity with the Books and Accounts of the Asylum, and his able and thorough investigation of them, entitle his opinion to much weight. Mr. Welch's report must be regarded as most satisfactory.

Audit.

Legacies have hitherto contributed greatly to the financial success of the Institution. They necessarily vary from year to year both in number and amount; and but few additions to the list have been made during the year. The following have been paid:—

Legacies.

	£	s.	d.
James Cunningham, Lytham	500	0	0
Miss Elizabeth Cunningham, Lytham	500	0	0
Thomas Dawson, Rochdale	100	0	0

Other legacies have been announced to the Committee, but have not been paid within the financial year.

It is with the utmost pleasure that the Central Committee report the continued success of the Ladies' Associations. No agency connected with the Institution has rendered more signal service, and all honour is due to the ladies for their most arduous and disinterested labours in obtaining contributions. The work of these Associations is not solely confined to the collection of contributions. Many poor and otherwise friendless imbeciles are sought out by the members, and have their claims submitted to the Central Committee; and often, were it not for such truly Christian assistance, their condition would remain neglected and

The Work of
Ladies'
Associations.

hopeless. Although the Institution has been in operation for nearly eighteen years, it is still unknown to many among the poorer classes who most require its help.

Contributions
Collected by the
Ladies'
Associations.

How valuable is the pecuniary assistance afforded by the Ladies' Associations is shewn by the following statement of the amounts collected by them during the year :—

		Annual			Subscriptions.			Donations.			Total.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
MANCHESTER AND SALFORD DISTRICT		268	13	8	44	0	9	312	14	5			
"	(ROCHDALE BRANCH)	87	12	4	62	3	8	149	16	0			
CHESHIRE	...	369	9	3	95	5	7	464	14	10			
DURHAM	...	345	9	2	...	...	...	345	9	2			
CUMBERLAND	...	227	3	5	36	2	9	263	6	2			
HALIFAX	...	286	9	0	46	2	3	332	11	3			
BRADFORD	...	190	13	0	21	19	5	212	12	5			
LEEDS	...	112	17	0	2	7	0	115	4	0			
YORK...	...	90	18	6	1	15	0	92	13	6			
SOUTHPORT	...	16	16	6	2	14	6	19	11	0			
SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA	...	9	16	6	0	18	6	10	15	0			
THIRSK	...	2	12	6	5	5	0	7	17	6			
		2008	10	10	318	14	5	2327	5	3			

Appeal for more
Ladies'
Associations.

Again an earnest appeal is made to Local Committees and Subscribers for advice and active assistance in the formation of additional Ladies' Associations. There are many districts sending patients to the Asylum where no organisation of any kind exists for the purpose of aiding its funds. The Central Committee respectfully submit that such support ought to be obtained from every town and parish from which patients are received. The present inmates of the Asylum come from no fewer than 189 places, and a branch Ladies' Association in each place would certainly be the means of greatly augmenting the income of the Institution, and of extending the sphere of its usefulness.

Retirement of
Mrs. Stubbs
and
Mrs. Chalker.

The Institution will experience a serious loss by the removal to Oxford of Mrs. Stubbs, the Treasurer of the Cheshire Ladies' Association, who has worked indefatigably in its behalf, and has well earned the sincere gratitude of the Central Committee. Reference should also be made to the valuable services of Mrs. Chalker, who, in consequence of the death of her husband, Canon Chalker, has retired from the

Treasurership of the Cumberland Ladies' Association. Mrs. Chalker has been succeeded in the office by Mr. W. R. I. Crowder, jun., one of the Secretaries of the Cumberland Committee.

There are now in the Asylum 553 patients, and they may thus be classified according to the Counties to which they belong :—

Number and
Classification
of Patients.

LANCASHIRE	250
YORKSHIRE	179
CHESHIRE	40
DURHAM	37
CUMBERLAND	20
NORTHUMBERLAND	15
WESTMORLAND	7
OTHER COUNTIES	5

553

At the date of the last Report there were 552 patients, of whom 366 were boys and 186 girls. There are now 553, viz., 373 boys and 180 girls. The average number resident during the year has been 543. There have been 89 admissions, 64 discharges, and 24 deaths. Of the present inmates, 320 are election patients, 196 reduced-payment cases, 15 full-payment cases, 15 associated and private cases, 4 life-interest cases, and 3 presentation cases.

The Institution was officially visited on the 6th of October, by the Commissioners in Lunacy, from whose report the following brief extract is made :—

Lunacy
Commissioners.

"We went over the whole establishment, seeing the patients at School, in the Workshops, and in the Laundry and offices. We were well satisfied with the routine of treatment, and with the appearance of both boys and girls. There are about 25 of each sex who appear to be incapable of much improvement, but the records of work done by patients soon after admission and a few years later show that from unpromising material much is effected by persistent training."

No greater incentive to increased interest in the Asylum can be promoted than an inspection of the various departments of its work ; and the Committee would urge members of Ladies' Associations and other active friends of the charity to see for themselves what is being so successfully done to

Visits to the
Asylum.

brighten the lives of the afflicted children who are the recipients of its care and training. The Institution had been visited by parties of members of the Bradford, Leeds, and Cumberland Associations, and, on the 28th of September, through the kindness of Mr. John Whitley, a member of the Central Committee, and a zealous member of the Local Committee, about thirty members of the Halifax Ladies' Association spent an afternoon at the Asylum, and were delighted with the Institution and the methods adopted for the training of the patients, whose progress excited much astonishment. A report of the visit appeared in the *Halifax Courier*, from which the following extract is quoted. The Committee are grateful to Mr. Whitley for organising this visit and for defraying all the expenses connected with it. In other ways Mr. Whitley has manifested his hearty appreciation of the usefulness of the Institution, notably by personally canvassing for subscriptions in the Spen Valley District, where he obtained no fewer than 24 new contributions, 20 being new annual subscriptions.

"As the party concluded their tour of inspection, they were emphatic in their expressions of interest and pleasure; and it was evident that the opportunity of seeing the every-day life of the inmates was heartily appreciated. Before leaving Lancaster, the ladies expressed to Mr. Whitley their most hearty thanks for the pleasure which had been afforded them in visiting the Institution, and said they returned home with a deeper feeling of sympathy for the sufferers than ever they had had before. They were truly thankful for the establishment of an Institution calculated to add so much to the happiness of the inmates as well as to their benefit and improvement."

The Institution was open for inspection on the day of the Quinquennial Festival, and several members of the Rochdale Ladies' Association accompanied Mr. R. Hurst, the Local Treasurer for the Rochdale district, and a most earnest friend of the cause. They were much gratified by what they saw of the practical training of the patients, and by the admirable specimens of work then on exhibition. It is most desirable to encourage such visits, and the Committee will always readily give the necessary facilities.

Prevalence of
Infectious
Diseases.

In consequence of the prevalence in the North of England of small-pox, scarlatina, measles, and other infectious diseases, the Committee considered it prudent not to grant in the month of August the customary annual

holiday. The usual testimony of parents and guardians as to the improvement noticed in the patients while at home cannot, therefore, be given this year. The following letters received after patients had been permanently discharged, may be quoted as illustrative of the grateful estimation in which the Institution is held by those who are well able to appreciate the benefits it confers.

Letters
respecting
Discharged
Patients.

"MR. DIGGENS,

HOND. SIR,

28th February, 1888.

Allow me to tender my most sincere thanks to you and to all the gentlemen connected with the Royal Albert Asylum for the kindness and care that have been shown to my son, William S——, during the time he was an inmate of your Institution.

If it had been in my power, I should have liked to have received him personally, and likewise thanked all the gentlemen personally, but I found it entirely out of my power, owing to the way I was placed with my work. I can only add he arrived home all safe, with his sister and friend, on Wednesday night last, the 23rd inst.

conclude with sincere thanks to all, and long may all be spared to take an active part in such an Institution as the Royal Albert.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,
J. S."

"DEAR SIR,

Ap. 20, '88.

Mrs. P. will be glad to know what must be done with the clothes her son has worn.

Since he left the Institution he has been under my sick visitation, and I find that frequently to his mother, family and friends, he has made known the very great kindness he received from one of your officers named Mary. I name this as showing a beautiful phase of the inner working of your noble Institution, and the good impression it has made in our village.

Your correspondence has added greatly to the widow's comfort during her son's great affliction.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Shuttleworth.

J. T. C."

A large "Celestina," or musical box playing many tunes, has been presented to the Institution by the friends of a sadly afflicted epileptic patient who died at the Rodgett Infirmary. The box bears the following inscription on a

silver plate: "In memory of J. W. W., who died at the Royal Albert Asylum, December 8th, 1887."

Epileptic
Patients.

Epileptic patients and candidates for admission continue to cause the Committee and Staff of the Institution much anxiety. In the last Report the attention of Subscribers and friends was most pointedly called to the ineligibility of such cases for admission into a Training Institution such as the Royal Albert Asylum. The claims of epileptics continue to be pressed notwithstanding all that has been urged by the Committee as to the undesirability of admitting such cases. It is felt to be impossible, in view of the objects of the original promoters of the Asylum, and the difficulty of isolation now that the Institution is nearly full, to relax the stringent regulations for their exclusion. Epileptics are unfit to associate with other patients, they seldom improve, they seriously interfere with the general system of training, and they increase the anxiety and expense of management. It is hoped that subscribers, when they are promoting applications for admission, will kindly bear these considerations in mind, and not feel disappointed if the Committee are reluctantly compelled to enforce rules which a sad experience has amply justified. It is always painful not to be able to accept applications endorsed by good and earnest friends of the Charity, but the best interests of the Institution must, of course, be paramount. The only proper mode of providing for the case of epileptic imbeciles is by the erection of suitable detached buildings for their accommodation, and to give them the advantages of skilful nursing and constant medical attention, with all possible physical comforts. Were the necessary funds forthcoming for the erection and maintenance of such a Home for Epileptic Imbeciles, the Central Committee would be only too happy to undertake this most charitable and urgently-needed Christian work. May some noble-hearted philanthropist of wealth be moved to make these poor children, upon whom a fearful and blighting affliction has fallen, the objects of his bounty! No one can adequately estimate the value of such munificence both to the pitiable objects, so forlorn and wretched, with their poor wrappings of mortality, and to the community generally.

Special mention should be made of the kindness of the following Clergymen who have preached on behalf of the Institution, or allowed collections to be made in their churches in aid of its funds. With four exceptions they have previously rendered similar assistance. Surely so brief a list cannot be regarded as a sufficient measure of the practical interest in the Royal Albert Asylum which is felt by the Clergy in the Associated Counties. As may be expected, it is the clergyman of the parish who frequently submits the claims of the imbecile to the attention of the Committee, and whatever assistance can be rendered in such cases is cheerfully given. It may be remarked that, though the Institution is unsectarian, it seldom happens that a collection in aid of its funds is made in a Nonconformist place of worship. Numerous appeals for collections or offertories are, no doubt, made to both clergymen and ministers, but the Committee earnestly trust that the claims of the Royal Albert Asylum may not be overlooked, especially in districts whence patients are received.

Collections and
Offertories.

Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster ; and St. Paul's Church, Scotforth, per the Rev. W. Armitage, Vicar.

Rev. T. Battle, East Keswick Church, Leeds.

Rev. R. T. Bradbury, St. Cross' Church, Knutsford.

Rev. S. Hastings, M.A., St. Mark's Church, Worsley, per the Rev. the Earl of Mulgrave, Vicar ; and St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster, per the Rev. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.

Rev. J. N. Hoare, St. John's Church, Keswick.

Ven. Archdeacon Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre Church, Garstang.

Rev. J. Mathwin, West Pelton Church, Chester-le-Street.

Rev. T. H. Pain, Warton Parish Church, Carnforth.

Rev. T. Jackson Smith, St. Thomas' Church, Bedford Leigh.

Rev. T. B. Tylecote, Lowther Church, Penrith.

Rev. G. F. Weston (the late), Crosby Ravensworth Church, Penrith.

Rev. Thomas Windsor, Congregational Chapel, Skipton.

Rev. P. J. Woodcock, St. Paul's Church, Chester

To the Local Committees and the Honorary Officers of the Institution the grateful acknowledgments of the Central Committee are due.

Thanks to Local
Committees.

Mr. John Walker, of Lancaster, has again made his annual valuation of the Farm Stock, and thanks are due to him for his valuable services, which have been rendered gratuitously.

Valuation of
Farm Stock.

Changes in the
Central
Committee.

During the year the Central Committee have had to deplore the loss by death of two members who had been connected with the Institution for many years. Mr. Alderman Roper, of Lancaster, was one of the original members of the Central Committee, and was a zealous promoter of its objects. He was also an active member of the House and Finance Committees. By the death of Mr. J. P. Chamberlain Starkie, the Institution has lost one of its staunchest friends and most enthusiastic supporters, who watched its progress with the keenest interest. Mr. Starkie was one of the Vice-Chairmen of the House Committee, and had been a member of the Central Committee for more than twenty years. His bright and hearty advocacy won for the Asylum many friends, and as a frank and genial colleague thoroughly acquainted with the details of management, he is greatly missed. To the executive officials he was invariably accessible and sympathetic, and for the patients he always had a kind and cheery word of greeting. The Rev. C. Twemlow Royds, M.A., who also has for many years been an active member of the Central Committee, has accepted the Vice-Chairmanship of the House Committee in succession to Mr. Starkie ; and Mr. Abram Seward, a former member of the Central Committee, has been nominated to the vacancy in the Central Committee. The vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Alderman Roper has been supplied by the election of Mr. Alderman Charles Blades, Mayor of Lancaster. The removal of Mr. W. H. Higgin, Q.C., from Lancaster to Cheshire is much to be regretted as having deprived the Lancaster members of the Central Committee of the constant co-operation, sound judgment, and practical advice of an esteemed colleague. Mr. Higgin remains a member of the Central Committee, and it is hoped that he may be able to attend the meetings occasionally. The Rev. Canon Ware, Carlisle ; the Rev. Canon Powell, Yarm ; Mr. G. W. Rayner Wood, Manchester ; and Dr. Wickham, have retired from the Central Committee ; and Mr. George Barbour, Bolesworth Castle, Cheshire ; Mr. Frederic J. Harrison, Liverpool ; and Mr. W. W. B. Hulton, Hulton Park, Bolton, have joined the Central Committee. Although not for many years a member of the Central Committee, it is felt that grateful allusion ought to be made to the kind co-operation of

the late Mr. James L. Milner, proprietor and editor of the *Lancaster Guardian*, whose thoughtful advocacy and genial influence were always at the service of the Institution. Mr. Milner rendered much valuable help in starting the movement for the establishment of the Institution, and was one of the original ten members of the Central Committee.

Owing to the deaths of Mr. Roper and Mr. J. P. C. Starkie, there are two vacancies among the Trustees for Investments, which the Central Committee recommend to be supplied, in accordance with the Rules, at the General Annual Meeting. It is desirable also that two Trustees for the Lands belonging to the Institution should be elected in the place of the late Marquis of Londonderry and the late Earl of Durham.

Additional
Trustees.

To the press in the North of England, the Central Committee return their hearty thanks for constant advocacy and support. It is impossible to exaggerate the indebtedness of the Institution in this respect. A wide-spread interest in its work has thus been fostered, and the attendance at the Quinquennial Festival of the large staff of reporters representing the leading daily and weekly newspapers testifies that the desire to render useful service and assistance has not abated.

Thanks to the
Press.

Among the contributions to be specially mentioned are the following : —

Sundry
Contributions.

An additional Donation of £250 to the Recreation Hall Fund, from Mr. William Tattersall, of Quarry Bank, Blackburn, and St. Anthony's, Milnthorpe. This was the third donation to the same Fund from Mr. Tattersall.

An additional Donation of £52 10s. from the Wholesale Co-operative Society, Manchester ; also £5 5s. from the Manchester and Salford Co-operative Society—both contributions being to the Recreation Hall Fund.

An additional Donation of £21 from the Rochdale Co-operative Society, Limited ; an additional Donation of £5 5s. from the Heywood Industrial Co-operative Society, Limited ; a Donation of £2 2s. from the Doncaster Mutual Co-operative and Industrial Society ; an Annual Subscription of £1 1s. from the Prestwich Co-operative Society.

The sum of £2 4s. 6d., being the proceeds of a Magic Lantern Entertainment at Castle Eden, Durham.

An additional sum of £1 7s. 6d. collected in Box at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Grasmere; also £1 1s. from Box at Rigg's Hotel, Windermere.

An additional sum of £1 1s. from the Pupils at Dinglewood School, Colwyn Bay; also 11s. 6d. from the Aldford Girls' School, Cheshire.

Several small sums have been collected for the Recreation Hall Fund by the parents and friends of patients.

An anonymous Donation of £20 from Carlisle.

A third Donation of £5 5s., in memory of "Henrietta," April 7th, 1874.

Grateful acknowledgment should also be made of presents of Crocuses, Tulips, and other Bulbs from Messrs. Dicksons' Royal Seed and Nursery Establishment, Chester; Foreign Cage Birds from Mrs. Cross, Liverpool; New Zealand Parrots from Mr. R. Hurst, Rochdale; a Donkey from Mr. Wm. Huntington, Scotforth, Lancaster; parcels of Books from Mr. Buckston Browne, Preston; parcels of Illustrated Papers, Books, &c., from Lady Storey, Lancaster.

Pauper
Imbeciles.

It is with sincere gratification that the Central Committee have observed a growing desire to do something to ameliorate the hitherto neglected condition of pauper imbeciles. The subject has been frequently referred to in previous reports, and the Committee note with pleasure that it was fully discussed at the recent Conference at Chester of the North Western Poor Law Association, at which the Right Hon. John T. Hibbert, one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Central Committee, presided. In an able paper, Dr. Rhodes, of Manchester, urged that the new County Councils should make suitable provision for the care and training of pauper imbeciles, and said that as long as the authorities retained them in workhouses without attempting to improve them they were neglecting their responsibilities. Various suggestions were offered and testimony was borne to the success of the Royal Albert Asylum, and, on the motion of Mr. Laurence, of Liverpool, the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

"That a more complete classification of the inmates of lunatic asylums, particularly as regards those of the chronic, incurable, and idiotic classes, as well as the location of patients in asylums most convenient to the places to which they belong, calls for the early attention of the County Councils, shortly to assume the management of asylums."

A large proportion of the reduced-payment cases in the Royal Albert Asylum consists of pauper imbeciles, many of whom have greatly improved. Only recently two youths were discharged to the Leeds Union, one of whom had become an excellent joiner, being able to make various articles of bedroom furniture, and the other had been a most efficient laundry assistant, whose services were equal in value to those of any hired labourer. While there has been ample accommodation in the Asylum, the Central Committee have not been averse to receiving a limited number of such patients, but they are of opinion that the time has arrived when separate provision for their care and training should be made by the County Councils or some other Local Authority, in the same way as obtains in the Metropolitan District under the Metropolitan Poor Act, 1867. In that district there are for pauper imbeciles Schools for Children and Asylums for Adults ; and such double provision is required in order to meet fully the necessities of this afflicted class. How the question is engaging the attention of statesmen is illustrated by the following remarks of Lord Herschell at the Quinquennial Festival, and it is hoped that it will soon result in practical legislation, if the authorities concerned do not at present possess the requisite powers to effect the beneficial changes: —

“Although much had been done, he could not help thinking that a great deal more might be done in the same direction by the State. In the metropolitan district at Darenth an institution capable of accommodating 640 children was supported by the rates for the separate treatment of idiots and imbeciles. He could not see why the same system should not be applied throughout the country, and in that case supplemented, as it would be, by such institutions as that at Lancaster—which would still be as much needed as ever—they might hope still better to grapple with the very sad multitude of cases which existed and would continue to exist unless further provision were made.”

In February last the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Shuttleworth, and the Secretary, Mr. Diggins, as representing one of the principal Asylums for Idiots and Imbeciles in this country, were invited to give evidence before the Royal Commission (of which Lord Egerton of Tatton is Chairman) on the Blind, Deaf and Dumb, and Imbecile. In their examination they supplied full information respecting the

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census of Idiots and Imbeciles, the provision made for the care of such cases, and the methods adopted for their training. The Royal Albert Asylum had been previously visited by the Commissioners, and it will be interesting to the subscribers to read the following remarks made informally by Lord Egerton of Tatton at the recent Festival :—

“ It was not a place to speak at any length of the benefits conferred by that Institution, but he could not help saying something about the matter, not simply as one who had taken great interest in the undertaking for some years, but as Chairman of the Royal Commission which had been inquiring into the training and education of imbeciles. He was not going to anticipate the report which the Royal Commissioners would have to make, but having visited the principal institutions with objects similar to theirs, he could say that the Royal Albert Asylum need not fear being compared with any other ; he was certain there could be no better managed Institution than it.”

Need of further
provision for
Imbeciles.

It is estimated that in the Seven Northern Counties there are, under 20 years of age, no fewer than 4,844 idiots and imbeciles, and in the whole of England and Wales 18,456, while the separate accommodation for the training of such patients is only sufficient for 2,400. A large proportion of these cases belongs to the pauper class, and the urgent necessity for some adequate provision for that class of imbeciles is painfully obvious. The Committee will be happy to support any movement in this direction, and they trust that the Royal Commission, which has so thoroughly investigated the subject, will be able to make such comprehensive and practical suggestions as may lead to early beneficial legislation. It is beginning to be recognised that the State owes a duty to these sorely stricken imbeciles, and that if the common forms of education are inapplicable to them, special means ought to be provided. There are hundreds of sorrowful homes that are shadowed with the presence of children, who, under the helpful influence of special training, might be made useful even if it were only in the lesser details of domestic life, and some of whom might contribute largely, by the development of their industrial capacity, to their own maintenance under favourable conditions. It is incumbent upon the State to consider, without further delay, the whole question of its relation to these unfortunate children, and what measures for their amelioration are practicable. To the voluntary Institutions must belong the credit of having

been pioneers in enforcing upon public attention the humanity and practical character as well as urgency of the work.

All who are interested in the question of the training of the Imbecile should attentively study Lord Herschell's admirable summary of the results already accomplished at the Royal Albert Asylum. It gives a brief and lucid account of what has been done ; and the experience of the entire past is confirmed by the present Report of the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Shuttleworth. The work of those who, as teachers and attendants or nurses, are brought into close contact with these children, is at all times arduous and often extremely disagreeable, and it demands infinite patience, great enthusiasm, and blessed deeds of devotion to these broken bodies and darkened minds. Such lowly, toilsome labour to develop intelligence, a sure sense of right and wrong, and habits of decency and self-control, deserves the greatest encouragement. Nothing but a high sense of Christian duty can induce the rare patience and tact, compassion and hope which are required. But in the painful steps of tardy progress the weak beginnings are regarded as an earnest of future good ; and with patient heart the Christian teacher holds onward to the end. Subscribers have a right to know what has been done in this Institution for the Idiot and Imbecile ; and Lord Herschell's speech supplies the information. This survey, while it affords much encouragement, still brings with it a burden of sad thoughts. The calamity is so great and wide-spread that mere voluntary effort is unable to cope with it adequately. Unfortunately many of the patients who are much benefited in the Institution, when they return to their homes lack the kindly care and discipline to which they have been accustomed, and have few opportunities of exercising the habits of industry in which they have been trained. Such cases require the supervision of friends who are interested in the work of the Asylum, and who will endeavour to find suitable occupation for them. There will always be difficulty and discouragement as to the permanence of results with regard to many of the patients, but even temporary relief must be an incalculable boon to numerous families which,

Conclusion.

otherwise, might be dragged down to pauperism and past all hope. The experience of all institutions for idiots and imbeciles, points to the need for both training schools and asylums for permanent care; and the advantages of such provision would be as beneficial to society as to the individual. Many of those who have undergone the course of training might, under similar suitable conditions, become entirely self-supporting, and a very large proportion might materially contribute to the cost of their maintenance, while perhaps not a few might, with judicious supervision, assist in the care of the more helpless, harmless and inoffensive cases. To carry out satisfactorily so comprehensive a scheme is, perhaps, more than voluntary effort can be expected to undertake; but it is the ideal to be kept in view. No affliction can appeal more touchingly, to hearts replete with gratitude, for light in darkness and comfort in despair; and none can better evoke "the soothing thoughts that spring out of human suffering."

WINMARLEIGH,

CHAIRMAN.



MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S GENERAL REPORT.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

For the eighteenth successive year I have the honour to submit, as Medical Superintendent, my General Annual Report, the period over which it extends, so far as the statistical portion is concerned, being for 12 months from the end of August, 1887.

During that period, 89 patients (60 males, 29 females) have been admitted; 64 patients (42 males, 22 females) have been discharged; and 24 patients (11 males, 13 females) have died. At the end of August, 1887, there were 552 patients (366 males, 186 females) in the Institution; while at the end of August, 1888, the number was 553 (373 males, 180 females). The maximum number simultaneously resident was 563, in April last; and altogether 641 persons have been inmates of the Asylum for the whole or part of the period under review, against 627 last year. The average number resident, however, has this year been 543, as compared with 548 during the period of the last Report.

Number of
Patients.

The chief reason for the want of expansion in the numbers during the year was the unfortunate prevalence of epidemic disease in the Institution, which for some time rendered it advisable to suspend admissions; consequently the cases elected at Chester last December were not admitted until April, the patients who had completed their election period being meanwhile retained.

Admission of
Election
Patients.

With reference to the character of the cases admitted during the year it may be estimated approximatively that about one-third are of such low grade physically and mentally that no more material improvement can be looked for than amelioration of health and habits. The remaining two-thirds are more promising, being Imbeciles rather than Idiots, and may be expected to derive benefit not merely from the *care*, but from the *training*, scholastic and industrial, which they will here receive. I venture again to emphasise the

Character
of Cases
Admitted.

importance, having regard to the educational character of the Royal Albert Asylum, of the preferential selection of such candidates as are likely to make substantial progress before returning to their friends at the end of their election period. It is satisfactory to note that the increased caution lately exercised by the Committee with regard to the exclusion of epileptics is evidenced by the fact that only one fit has occurred amongst the patients elected last year. Two of the cases admitted in April, then the subjects of constitutional disease, have since died; and another, a young and feeble girl was, by my recommendation, taken home by her friends. It seems undesirable that very weakly children, especially if of such tender age as to require a mother's care, should be sent to a large institution, which is primarily a training school rather than a hospital, though of course every care and comfort is supplied for those requiring it.

Discharged
Patients.

The discharged patients included 35 elected cases who had completed their seven years' training. In every one of these, some amelioration, if but slight, was noted; and nearly half were, previous to their discharge, employed in some form of industrial work calculated to fit them to help their friends, if not to contribute to their own maintenance. A young man, who was trained to garden work, and when he left last summer showed but little residual imbecility, writes lately as follows:—

"Dear Sir,—I am glad to inform you that I am well, and that I am still working for the same employer (a nurseryman), though not full time, as work is rather slack at this time of the year (November.) I have always managed to earn 6s. or 7s. a week so far. I get 2s. a day. . . . There is nothing to do on wet days, but I expect that I will be in full work again in the spring."

Another lad is working at a quarry for a small wage, 4s. a week; but as the parents sensibly remark, "It keeps him off the streets, so we are satisfied." Others, both boys and girls, are useful to their friends in domestic matters; and of a young woman, who was discharged after eight years' training, in November 1887, the sister writes recently:—

"I am glad to inform you that Mary is with us and is quite well, and has improved since she came home both in habits and usefulness. She can clear the table after meals, and put everything tidy, and wash the pots well with a little supervision; and many little things she tries to do, and is pleased when she has done them. We often take her out to tea, and in company she knows how to behave, so that all our friends think a great deal of her, she is so gentle and affectionate. She does not forget you or Mrs. Harley; she often names you."

This girl was useless and often troublesome when admitted to the Institution, but may now be said to be restored to society.

Two lads, of the pauper class, have lately been removed by their Guardians in order to be employed at the industries acquired here ; the one having become an expert joiner, the other a useful worker with laundry machinery. On the other hand, several patients who were well-conducted and usefully employed in the Institution, are reported to give trouble at home ; and in some instances, application for re-admission has been made. Experience shows that it is not easy to find suitable occupation and employment for discharged cases ; and it is perhaps worthy of consideration how far it may be practicable and proper to retain, in connexion with the Institution, some of the more productive labour, which has resulted from training. The tendency, however, is rather to accumulate in the Asylum useless and low-grade patients, whose friends will often make great pecuniary efforts to secure their retention after the termination of their election periods ; a tendency against which the Committee have had occasion to guard during the current year. Amongst cases discharged as unsuitable, were 2 confirmed epileptics ; and 4 patients, one recently admitted, who proved to be insane rather than imbecile. I may take occasion to remark that cases of juvenile insanity have quite different characteristics from those of ordinary imbecility, and are out of place in Institutions designed for merely weak-minded children.

The mortality has been at the rate of 4·4 per cent., computed on the average number resident, or of 3·7, if computed on the aggregate number under training. Such a percentage is in excess of the average of recent years, the excess being to some extent accounted for by 2 deaths resulting from the scarlatina epidemic, and 1 exceptional death from epilepsy. Two patients died whilst absent on leave at their own homes, where they had suffered from measles. Disease of the brain or its membranes, figures as the cause of death in 4 cases, and phthisis in no less than 11.

Mortality.

A melancholy occurrence—though not included in the statistical period of this Report—may be here referred to, viz., the accidental drowning in the Canal, at a short distance from the Asylum, of a poor boy who had apparently intended to bathe there, one hot morning in September. He was speedily missed and searched for by the attendants, but unfortunately to no purpose, and his body was found in the water a few hours later. The circumstances were carefully investigated at a coroner's inquest, and the jury appended to their finding a rider to the effect that "no blame attached to any one connected with the Asylum."

Infectious
Diseases.

The past year has been remarkable in the annals of the Asylum for an unprecedented succession of infectious disorders. In September (1887) 6 cases of scarlatina broke out within 3 days, originating in two quite distinct departments, in each of which painting and cleansing had been carried out a short time previously. Though every effort was made to stamp out the infection, cases continued to show themselves at intervals, both amongst the boys and girls, and altogether 40 patients and 2 nurses were attacked, the epidemic prevailing until the close of 1887. Fortunately it was not of a severe type, and there were only two deaths, one indeed being due rather to constitutional disease than to the fever. In February, a boy who had been spending a holiday with his friends (after convalescence from scarlatina), sickened a few days after his return to the Asylum, with measles, and 15 cases of this disease subsequently occurred, fortunately not extending beyond the Senior Boys' Department. The very infectious, though trivial, disease known as mumps was introduced by the new patients in April, and in spite of strict isolation of the first cases, spread extensively in the establishment. I need hardly say that the detached accommodation for the sick at the Rodgett Infirmary was a great boon; and during the scarlatina epidemic all the wards there had to be devoted exclusively to infectious cases, the ordinary invalids being removed to the main building. On two occasions during the year single cases of scarlatina have been isolated in the upper floor of the Infirmary, without extension taking place, though the lower wards have continued in ordinary use. Much credit is due to the nurses there, and particularly to Miss Hill, the nurse-in-charge, for their devotion to duty of an unusually trying kind. There is reason for thankfulness that the Institution has been preserved from the much-dreaded infection of small-pox, which has been so prevalent in the North of England. Precautionary measures in the way of the re-vaccination of newcomers over 10 years of age were recommended; and during the year nearly 200 of the patients and 40 of the Staff have been re-vaccinated by the Medical Officers of the Asylum.

Suspension of
Holidays.

The Committee thought it prudent, under the circumstances above referred to, to suspend the usual facilities for public visiting on Mondays and Thursdays; and also to stop for this year the customary August holiday for the children. The latter resolution, though causing disappointment, was loyally concurred in by the large majority of parents, who felt that it was dictated by a thoughtful regard for the health and welfare of their children. Parents were allowed to visit

the Institution on satisfying the Medical Superintendent that there was no risk in their doing so; and altogether upwards of 500 visits of friends have been made during the year.

A new and more stringent Form of Health Certificate was adopted last March to be filled up by parents or their medical advisers before sending children to the Institution, either for the first time or after holidays. It was resolved, moreover, that as far as possible all holidays should be taken at a uniform time, so that special sanitary supervision might be more readily exercised with regard to returning patients.

Health
Certificate.

As regards classification, the only matter calling for notice is the increased number of patients at Brunton House, now 14. In some instances decided improvement of intelligence has been remarked as a result of improved association. There is still room for higher payment cases both there and in the Asylum; and arrangements can be adapted to meet special requirements, when necessary.

Brunton
House.

Much good work has been done, as heretofore, in the schools and shops; and on two occasions, specimens of the patients' productions have been publicly shown—first at the Industrial Exhibition at Blackpool, and subsequently at our own Quinquennial Festival—and have elicited favourable comment both from the press and the public. Suites of bedroom furniture, very creditably constructed by lads who have received their whole education in the Institution; ink-stands and neatly dove-tailed boxes made by a boy at first afflicted with so much spasm of the fingers as to render it a difficult exercise for him to hold a plane; Macramé mantle-borders and brackets, worked by a younger boy, similarly afflicted—were amongst the more remarkable objects shown; while boots, clothing, and mats made by the boys, and garments neatly sewn by the girls, together with a variety of fancy and Kindergarten work, further attested the attention given to technical training. In addition, some remarkable series of drawings, copy-books, and letters, showed progress achieved under unpromising conditions, thanks to the patient efforts of pains-taking instructors.

Exhibition of
Work of
Patients.

Increasingly convinced of the great value of out-door work in the improvement of imbeciles, I have tried the experiment this summer of sending out, under the care of the teachers, classes from the Boys' School to weed in the grounds. In this way some 50 or 60 boys, in addition to those on the Gardener's list, have had the benefit of light and healthy occupation in the open air, and I trust a further development in this direction may be found practicable.

Out-door
Work.

Twelve boys have been under training at the farm, and about double that number in the garden, in many cases with satisfactory results. The utilization of imbecile labour on the Asylum Estate, even to a greater extent than heretofore, seems to me a desideratum, the chief justification of the existence of a farm in connexion with an asylum for imbeciles being the facilities which it affords for the training of the inmates.

Recreation.

With regard to recreations, some modifications were, of course, necessitated during the prevalence of sickness last winter, and the Christmas festivities were not, as usual, graced by the presence of contributors to the Christmas trees, which were, however, bountifully provided with presents. Subsequently the weekly entertainments were resumed, and much credit is due to the staff for the successful manner in which they have been organised. The brass and string bands have been more than usually efficient this year, numbering from 12 to 15 performers. We have to acknowledge occasional assistance from friends outside the Institution; and I may specially mention two capital dramatic performances, for which we were indebted to Messrs. Weller and Stephenson, of Morecambe. I may take the opportunity, in connexion with musical arrangements, to mention that some of the pianos, presented in the early days of the Institution, are almost "played out," and to suggest that we should be glad to receive gifts of instruments which, though old-fashioned, are serviceable, for which it may be desired to find a home. Such an instrument would be appreciated in the new play-room under the Recreation Hall. Cricket has been popular with the boys and their attendants, during the summer months; and such progress has been made with this game as to justify a hope that by and bye the level of the otherwise excellent playfield to the north of the building may be improved.

This year an expedition by canal-boat to Borwick Hall took the place of the usual pic-nic to Cockersand Abbey; and a very agreeable day was spent by the 150 children and 36 officers and attendants who took part in it.

Ambulance Classes.

With the valuable co-operation of the late Assistant Medical Officer, (Dr. T. B. Hyslop), I resumed last February the instruction of the staff in "First Aid" and in "Nursing," according to the scheme of the St. John Ambulance Association. Fifty-five persons attended the 3 classes formed; and 46 successfully passed the examinations held by Surgeon-Major Hutton, 20 being authorised to wear the

medallions of the Association, in recognition of their having undergone three successive annual examinations. The medallions, and certificates were distributed by the Right Hon. J. T. Hibbert, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee, at a meeting held in the De Vitre Hall, under the presidency of Lord Winmarleigh. The utility of ambulance instruction was demonstrated in a singular way while the examination in "First Aid" was in progress. An attendant engaged in window cleaning at the Infirmary, sustained a serious accident to his knee, from the overturning of the step-ladder on which he was working. Surgeon-Major Hutton at once took the class under examination to the spot; and the unfortunate man was skilfully attended to, and conveyed to the building on the newly-purchased "Ashford Litter," with a minimum of discomfort. The instruction given to the female staff in simple details of nursing, has also been serviceable in their dealings with the patients.

In February last I was summoned, in conjunction with my colleague, Mr. Diggins, to give evidence before the Royal Commission on the Blind, the Deaf and Dumb, and the Imbecile, presided over by Lord Egerton of Tatton. Pending their Report, it would not be proper to refer in detail to the information elicited by the very practical questions put to me with reference to the characteristics of the imbecile class, and the conditions necessary for their education and training. But I may mention that a comprehensive retrospect of the experience of this Institution enabled me to state that from 15 to 20 per cent. of the patients discharged after full training, whose history was known, were capable of remunerative work, and were for the most part earning their living. Amongst the occupations followed, 5 were working on farms; 1 was a cattle-drover; 1 was an under-gardener earning 14s. a week; 5 were in shops; 2 were working as tailors; 2 were shoemakers; 2 were in mills; and 1 was a joiner on his own account in New Zealand. Of the girls, 3 were in employment as domestic servants; 1 had been apprenticed to dress-making; 1 picked silk for a mill; and 8 were engaged in domestic work at home.

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Commission.

It is encouraging to find that separate provision is being made, in connexion with the Northampton County Asylum, for pauper imbecile children; and the Committee readily consented to the request of the Medical Superintendent of that institution (Dr. Greene) that one of his nurses might be qualified for the special work by a course of training here.

Northampton
County Asylum.

Training of
Imbeciles in
Norway.

I took advantage of a holiday tour in Norway last summer to visit institutions for imbecile children in the vicinity of Christiania and Bergen. By the kindness of the respective Directors (Mr. J. A. Lippestad and Mr. Jakob Sæthre) I had the opportunity of carefully examining the arrangements for training, and was much pleased with what I saw. In each case the buildings were well adapted for their purpose, the schoolrooms admirably equipped, and the provision of teachers liberal, 12 pupils being the maximum number in any one class. The industrial training included instruction not only in carpentry, tailoring, and shoemaking (the latter being taught to the girls as well as to the boys), but in loom-weaving of dress material, in spinning and machine knitting, and in the manufacture of chip-hats and ornamental baskets. At the Christiania Institution I saw classes of girls busily engaged in the grounds, the younger ones weeding, and the older filling and wheeling barrows, and even using spade and pick to break down rocky soil for the purpose of path-making! The robust appearance of the girls, and their evident enjoyment of their work, suggested the idea that occasional out-door employment would be beneficial to our female patients here. The last-named Institution contains girls only, the number being 135; that at Bergen has at present about 70 inmates of both sexes.

I had also the opportunity at Christiania of inspecting the classes for "abnormal children," which for some years have been established for the special tuition of pupils found incapable, by reason of nervous or mental defect or peculiarity, of keeping pace with the curriculum prescribed for ordinary scholars in the public elementary schools. By dint of patient and painstaking instruction (on the lines found useful in imbecile institutions) of such children in small classes, good results were arrived at in cases regarded as hopeless in the ordinary school. It seems to me that this system of "auxiliary classes," which is in vogue in Germany as well as in Norway, might usefully supplement our arrangements for primary education in this country.

Winmarleigh
'Hall
Services.

The Winmarleigh Hall promises to be a most valuable acquisition for assemblies of all kinds; and the Sunday afternoon service recently held there, when the Rev. Canon Allen was good enough to deliver an address, seemed an appropriate inauguration of its use by the patients. That such services are not thrown away, at any rate on some of the patients, is shown by a letter by one of them, from which I think it may be interesting to quote as follows:—

" We are going to have service in the new Recreation Hall on Sunday afternoon next, by the Vicar of Lancaster. I am writing the hymns out that we are going to have, and they are 520, 417, and 462. We have to learn them all this week.

Letter of
Patient.

'Tell me the story softly
With earnest tones and grave ;
Remember I'm the sinner
Whom Jesus came to save.
Tell me that story always,
If you would really be,
In any time of trouble,
A comforter to me.'

How beautiful it is to think of our dear Saviour who loved us all. He knows that I could not do anything for our dear Lord, and it makes me so happy to think about him and to sing about him as well. We must pray to God to make people happy in our dear Lord and Saviour, and the Holy Spirit. I pray for you, dear H., that you may love and trust in Jesus more every day, and will you pray for me the same prayer, and that I may be filled with the Spirit only to live to please the Lord. ' And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.'—Ephesians iii., 19, 20, 21 v.

With dearest love to you. God bless you and keep you my darling brother,

I remain,
Your loving brother,
WILLIAM."

I cannot close this Report without reference to the sad loss the Institution has sustained by the death of Mr. J. P. C. Starkie. As one of the Vice-Chairmen of the House Committee, Mr. Starkie's genial presence was familiar and ever welcome to both staff and patients ; and his sympathetic interest in all that conduced to their welfare, earned for him the grateful esteem of every one with whom he was brought into contact. His name will indeed be long remembered at the Royal Albert Asylum with affectionate regret.

Conclusion.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,

Medical Superintendent

*Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster,
November 30th, 1888.*

CASES OF IMPROVEMENT

ILLUSTRATIVE OF REPORT.

(Not previously reported.)

BOYS.

A. (1018). Admitted November, 1886, aged 13. Had attended Board School for 6 years but had made little progress, being only able to read and write easy words imperfectly, to work very simple sums in addition, and to recognise one or two coins, and one or two hours on the clock. Can now read a book fairly well, write a good letter, work sums in all the simple rules, recognise all the coins and weights, and tell time accurately by the clock. Has much improved in general intelligence, and is making good progress at tailoring.

B. (1022). Admitted November, 1885, aged 17. Could read easy words, and write them in copy-book, work easy sums in simple rules, but could only tell the hours of the clock. Conduct peculiar. Stopped out the whole of one night "Christmas-boxing." Now reads a book with fair intelligence, writes a good letter, works sums in the compound rules, tells the time to a minute, and has much improved in general intelligence and behaviour. Is making good progress in shoemaking.

C. (1041). Admitted November, 1885, aged 10. Could read and write easy words and work simple addition sums, and tell one or two hours of the clock. Mischievous and untrustworthy. Now reads books fairly well, can compose and write a good letter, work sums in all the simple rules, tell time to a minute, and make simple calculations in mental arithmetic. Is working well in the joiner's shop, and is now making a dressing-table. Much improved in conduct.

D. (1170). Admitted July, 1887, aged 19. Then melancholy and taciturn, speaking very indistinctly. Could read easy words only, and count but little. Unable to write, or to tell the time at all. Now a cheerful, active young man, able to speak and read fairly well; writes neatly in copy-book, and knows the value of figures, and can tell the hours and five minutes on the clock. Works willingly in the garden, and also in the joiner's shop in sawing and chopping wood.

GIRLS AND INFANTS.

E. (1169). Admitted July, 1887, aged 13. Had been at good private schools, but had to be withdrawn, as she proved incapable of learning like ordinary children. She had, however, been taught to read easy words by spelling them, to write moderately well in a copy-book, and to work simple addition sums; but was deficient in many matters of common information, *e.g.*, the number of days in the year, and how to tell the time by the clock. She has greatly improved in general intelligence. Can read nicely, and compose and write letters home. She works sums correctly in all the simple rules, and can tell the clock correctly to five minutes. She has also become useful in a variety of domestic work, can do plain needlework, and knit stockings. She is learning to play the piano from notes.

F. (1151). Admitted January, 1887, aged 18. A delicate girl, who had attended school, but had not got beyond Standard I., and was unable to do anything useful. Has improved in health, and can now read fairly from reading books, write well, and work simple addition sums. Can scrub, make beds, dust and sweep.

G. (1165). Admitted May, 1887, aged 8. Was a tiresome, restless boy, interfering with his companions in school. Could do nothing except make strokes on a slate. Now well-behaved and obedient; has learnt all the letters and can write them on the slate, and recently traced a very nice letter to his mother. Can count; understands the value of units, and can add a little.

H. (1174). Admitted April, 1888, aged 8. At first could not be got to sit still a minute in his class, but was constantly calling out and disturbing his companions. Would frequently undress himself in school. Now sits in school in an orderly way, and is very attentive, and takes part in simple exercises of drill and singing, keeps himself tidy, and has much improved in every way.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LANCASTER, 19TH NOVEMBER, 1888.

It is again my duty to report on the Accounts of the Royal Albert Asylum, and I have pleasure in stating that during the year ending 30th June, 1888, the Books have been carefully and accurately kept. And I have further to state that the Balance Sheets now submitted contain a full and true summary of the receipts and payments during the year.

Maintenance Account shows a satisfactory result, although the receipts have not quite reached the large totals of the preceeding year, and on the expenditure side an increase is found in several of the more important items.

The Estate and Buildings Improvement Account has been charged with the cost of a new Boiler House, two new Boilers, &c., and a part of the expense remains as a debit balance to be liquidated in future years.

Recreation Hall Account has received further donations of £1,039 2s. 1d., and the payments on this account during the year have amounted to £3,119 10s. 5d.

The Sustentation Fund Account has received Legacies amounting to £1,110, and in accordance with resolutions of the Central Committee, a further sum of £864 19s. 10d. has been expended on the additions, &c., to Brunton House. In company with the honorary auditor, Sir Thomas Storey, I examined the Deeds and Certificates representing Investments, and found them in proper order.

WILLIAM G. WELCH, AUDITOR.

MAINTENANCE

Dr.

From June 30th, 1887,

Receipts.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1887	...				1,007	0	10
„ Donations	...	596	10	0			
„ Annual Subscriptions	...	4,499	9	9			
„ Payments for Patients	...	9,444	16	0			
„ Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments	...	3,942	5	0			
(Including £15 os. 8d., "Income from Joseph Nutter's Gift")							
„ Interest on Bank Deposits	...	41	15	11			
„ Rent	...	94	7	0			
„ Sundries	...	480	19	7	19,100	3	3
„ Farm Produce sold	...	215	16	6			
„ Garden Produce sold	...	3	16	3			
					219	12	9
„ Farm Produce supplied to the Asylum	...	3,713	5	0			
„ Garden Produce supplied to the Asylum	...	191	0	6			
					3,904	5	6

£24,231 2

*Examined and compared with the Books of Account
and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—19th Nov., 1888.*

WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.
T. STOREY, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1888.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Expenses of General Annual Meeting at Chester, and of Local Committees, &c....	95	4	10			
„ Expenses of Election at Chester...	63	16	4			
„ Printing 5,000 Twenty-third Annual Report, General Subscription Lists, Election Returns, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account, and General Printing and Stationery ...	305	17	4			
„ General Advertising...	86	10	4			
„ Postage of Letters, Annual Reports, Voting Papers, Subscription Lists, Appeals, Pamphlets, &c. ...	90	8	9			
„ Offices (Lancaster and Manchester), Rent, Rates, Gas, Telegrams, Carriage and Petty Cash Sundries ...	134	9	0			
				776	6	7
„ Salaries, Wages, and Travelling { Offices £763 6s. 10d. Expenses { Asylum £5,409 2s. 11d. }	6,172	9	9			
„ Provisions { Purchased ... £2,577 3s. 7d. From Farm, Garden, &c. £3,904 5s. 6d. }	6,481	9	1			
„ Necessaries: Coals ...	992	15	6			
Gas ...	257	12	11			
Water... ..	216	8	0			
General	340	0	11			
„ Clothing	1,547	15	3			
„ Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c.	87	4	4			
„ Asylum Printing and Stationery	26	6	2			
„ Asylum Postage	12	4	1			
„ Insurance	89	18	0			
„ Maintenance Sundries	369	19	11			
„ Workshops and Repairs... ..	704	8	2			
„ Building Sundries	44	18	10			
„ Furniture: General	202	9	7			
Ironmongery	81	19	1			
Bedding... ..	340	4	4			
House Linen	18	7	1			
Crockery & Sundries	44	19	0			
				18,031	10	0
„ Property Expenses				18	8	2
„ Bank Interest, Commission, &c.				37	6	10
„ Farm (including Stock, Implements, Provender, &c.) ...	3,394	8	8			
„ Grounds and Garden	684	15	8			
				4,079	4	4
„ Estate and Buildings Improvement Account				1,000	0	0
„ Sustentation Fund Account				10	0	0
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1888				278	6	5

 £24,231 2 4

ESTATE AND BUILDINGS

Dr.

From June 30th, 1887,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1887	640	0	0
„ Maintenance Account... ..	1,000	0	0
„ Balance due to Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1888 ...	1,280	19	4

 £2,920 19 4

Audited and found correct, Nov. 19th, 1888.

 WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.
 T. STOREY, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

RECREATION

Dr.

From June 30th, 1887,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1887				1,826	10	3
„ Donations				1,039	2	1
„ Bank Interest				9	15	7
„ Balance due to Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1888 ...				244	2	6

 £3,119 10 5

Audited and found correct.—Nov. 19th, 1888.

 WILLIAM G. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.
 T. STOREY, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1888.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Two Boilers	1,034	2	6			
„ Boiler House... ..	698	8	4			
„ Heating Apparatus	800	0	0			
„ Drying Stove in Laundry	233	10	0			
„ Disbursements of Honorary Engineer	140	0	0			
				2,906	0	10
„ Bank Interest and Commission				14	18	6
				<u>£2,920</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>4</u>

HALL ACCOUNT.

to June 30th, 1888.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Masonry	753	6	0			
„ Woodwork	1,250	0	0			
„ Slating and Plastering	250	0	0			
„ Plumbing and Glazing	181	2	2			
„ Painting	55	0	0			
„ Heating Apparatus	250	0	0			
„ Ventilating Apparatus... ..	160	9	1			
„ Water Mains... ..	76	16	0			
„ Gas Mains and Gas Fittings	138	19	8			
				3,115	12	11
„ Bank Commission				3	17	6
				<u>£3,119</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</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)	17816	17	5	238	17	0
LIVERPOOL (2)	10089	14	1	206	19	0
MANCHESTER (3)	9449	17	9	548	16	8
BRADFORD (4)	9024	2	2	414	6	0
PRESTON (5)	8994	19	4	70	16	6
ROCHDALE (6)	6537	5	7	255	1	10
LEEDS (7)	4888	17	3	226	10	6
CUMBERLAND (CARLISLE, &c.) (8)	5213	4	9	324	17	7
HALIFAX (9)	4867	19	6	379	7	6
WESTMORLAND (10)	4525	16	8	95	13	6
CHESHIRE (CHESTER, STOCKPORT, &c.)	4413	16	0	489	15	2
SHEFFIELD (11)	2780	2	9	93	10	0
DURHAM (COUNTY)	2823	12	0	436	19	8
YORK (12)	2582	7	1	106	3	0
NORTH LONSDALE (ULVERSTON, BARROW, &c.)	2363	14	7	20	9	6
OLDHAM (13)	1831	2	0	25	4	0
BOLTON (14)	1799	3	0	41	7	6
BLACKBURN (15)	1355	15	0	25	4	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	1301	1	8	35	14	0
SETTLE	1282	7	11	35	4	0
HUDDERSFIELD	1256	0	6	44	18	0
SKIPTON	1222	9	2	19	19	0
WAKEFIELD (16)	958	0	7	8	18	6
BURY	913	9	4	27	9	6
BURNLEY	783	7	6	15	4	6
WARRINGTON	740	2	6	11	11	0
KEIGHLEY	738	11	0	29	8	0
SOUTHPORT	676	6	6	45	3	6
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	661	7	0	7	12	6
WIGAN	497	9	0	18	18	0
SCARBOROUGH	318	15	0	4	14	6
ROTHERHAM	304	17	6	7	7	0
ST. HELENS	295	12	6	14	3	6
HULL	257	9	2	18	17	6
DONCASTER	156	18	3	13	13	0

JAMES DIGGENS, GENERAL SECRETARY.

- (1) The Lancaster Donations include £2050 from the late Mr. James Brunton, and £500 from the late Miss Brunton; £1000 from the Lancaster Banking Company; and £1800 from Messrs. Storey Bros. and Co., who also contribute a Special Annual Subscription of £52 10s.
- (2) The Liverpool Donations include £1500 from Mrs. Chas. Turner.
- (3) 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.
- (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 £625 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 the late Joshua Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; and £500 from Samuel Fielden, Esq., Todmorden.
- (7) The Leeds Donations include £1105 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 Cumberland Donations include £525 from the late Thomas Ainsworth, Esq., (Cleator); and £500 from the Right Hon. Lord Muncaster.
- (9) The Halifax Donations include £630 from the late Joshua Appleyard, Esq.; and £718 5s. from Hanson Ormerod, Esq.
- (10) The Westmorland Donations include £675 from W. H. Wakefield, Esq.; £400 from the late John Wakefield, Esq.; £500 from the Executors of the late F. A. Argles, Esq.; and £310 10s. from Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (11) The Sheffield Donations include £500 from Sir F. T. Mappin, Bart., M.P.
- (12) The York Donations include £1000 from "A Friend," per the late Wm. Gray, Esq.
- (13) The Oldham Donations include £631 5s. from the late Asa Lees, Esq., who also bequeathed a legacy of £10,000.
- (14) The Bolton Donations include £500, "In Memory of the late Wm. Hampson, Esq."
- (15) The Blackburn Donations include £775 from Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (16) 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.	
	236	37	100	180	553
I. SPEECH.					
1. Make no attempt	3	12	18	21	54
2. Make some attempt	11	8	24	28	71
3. Make a few articulate sounds	8	4	13	15	40
4. Speak indistinctly	42	5	13	26	86
5. Speak fairly	77	5	17	30	129
6. Speak well	95	3	15	60	173
					553
II. READING.					
1. Know no letters or words	66	29	76	85	256
2. Know a few letters... ..	71	7	12	28	118
3. Know at sight a few words	9	1	6	17	33
4. Know all the letters	13	0	6	20	39
5. Read easy words and spell them	27	0	0	8	35
6. Read fairly*	50	0	0	22	72
					553
* 78 Patients read books alone for amusement.					
III. WRITING.					
1. Do nothing but scribble	50	29	49	58	186
2. Form strokes, &c., on slate... ..	48	7	42	60	157
3. Do. do. in copy book	18	1	5	14	38
4. Form letters in copybook	20	0	3	21	44
5. Write easy words in copy book	54	0	1	10	65
6. Write fairly*	46	0	0	17	63
					553
*74 Patients write letters home with assistance and 24 without assistance. 674 Letters have been written and sent home during the past year.					
IV. ARITHMETIC.					
1. Cannot count at all	69	28	58	73	228
2. Count a little	54	8	30	33	125
3. Count up to 30	25	1	6	28	60
4. Understand value of unit figures	17	0	2	23	42
5. Work simple addition sums	49	0	4	17	70
6. Work easy sums in simple rules*	22	0	0	6	28
					553
*8 Boys work sums in the compound rules.					

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,	236	37	100	180	553
1. Know neither hours nor minutes ...	127	36	95	133	391
2. Know some of the hours	13	1	5	32	51
3. Know all the hours	25	0	0	6	31
4. Know the hours and quarters	11	0	0	5	16
5. Do. do. and 5 minutes	16	0	0	1	17
6. Can tell the time to a minute	44	0	0	3	47
VI. SHOP LESSON.					553
1. Know no coins nor weights... ..	79	29	84	107	299
2. Know a few coins	61	7	13	47	128
3. Do. do. and weights	15	1	3	8	27
4. Know all the coins and some weights	26	0	0	7	33
5. Know all the coins and weights and calculate a little	31	0	0	8	39
6. Do. do. and calculate fairly	24	0	0	3	27
VII. COLOUR LESSON.					553
1. Know no colours	66	25	79	93	263
2. Know black and white	37	1	12	21	71
3. Know one or two simple colours ...	30	3	5	25	63
4. Know all the simple colours	19	8	4	23	54
5. Do. do. and some compound shades	18	0	0	7	25
6. Know and can match most compound shades	66	0	0	11	77
VIII. MUSIC.					553
1. No interest in musical sounds	4	15	58	2	79
2. Attentive to do. do.	70	12	27	63	172
3. Sing by ear simple tunes without words	75	9	15	43	142
4. Do. do. with words	83	1	0	72	156
5. Rudimentary knowledge of musical symbols	4	0	0	0	4
6. Sing from do. do.	0	0	0	0	0
IX. DRILL.					553
1. Have no idea of drill	3	15	32	35	85
2. Stand at attention when told	32	22	19	30	103
3. Perform simple movements of limbs	83	0	28	30	141
4. Go through extension movements fairly	62	0	12	19	93
5. Do. do. do. well and march	36	0	3	24	63
6. Do. do. do. to music	20	0	6	42	68
					553

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

August 31st, 1888.

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 em- ployed.
Grades of Work.		Indif- ferent.	Fair.	Good.	Ex- cellent.	
I. TAILORING.						
1. Preliminary Work	0	0	1	0	1	14 Tailors.
2. Sewing Linings	0	0	2	0	2	
3. Do. Seams	0	1	2	0	3	
4. Felling	0	3	2	0	5	
5. Making Garments	0	1	1	0	2	
6. Machining	0	1	0	0	1	
II. SHOEMAKING.						
1. Preliminary Work	0	1	1	0	2	12 Shoemakers
2. Stitching Backs	0	2	1	0	3	
3. Closing Sides	0	1	3	0	4	
4. Patching and Nailing	0	0	0	0	0	
5. Repairing	0	0	0	0	0	
6. Bottoming (making)	0	1	2	0	3	
III. JOINERY.						
1. Preliminary Work (use of tools)	3	8	9	2	22	30 Joiners.
2. Planing at Bench	0	0	2	0	2	
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	2	2	0	4	
6. Making Furniture	0	0	2	0	2	
IV. GARDENING.						
1. Preliminary work in weeding class ...	8	20	29	4	* 61 (41)	Weeding Boys. 21 Gardeners.
2. Barrow filling and emptying	0	2	2	0	4	
3. Weeding amongst crops	0	5	3	0	8	
4. Picking peas, fruit, &c.	0	0	4	0	4	
5. Digging	0	0	1	0	1	
6. Potato setting, &c. (can also dig) ...	0	1	3	0	4	

* 20 also otherwise employed.

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...	0	0	0	0	0	12 Farm Boys. 0 2 1 2 3 4
2. Cleaning yards, shippens, &c. ...	0	0	2	0	0	
3. Feeding stock ...	0	0	1	0	0	
4. Weeding amongst crops (Hoe) ...	0	0	2	0	0	
5. Work with Horses and Carts ...	0	0	3	0	0	
6. Milking, &c ...	0	3	1	0	0	
VI. INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SHOP.						
1. Picking Hair, Wool, &c. ...	3	12	12	0	27	29 in Industrial Training Shop. 27 0 2 0 0 0
2. Plaiting Coir ...	0	0	0	0	0	
3. Mat Making ...	0	0	2	0	0	
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	
VII. MISCELLANEOUS OCCUPATIONS.						
1. Shoe-cleaning ...	0	6	10	2	18	59 miscellaneous employed. 18 10 12 8 1 2 8
2. Corridor-cleaning and Ward-work ...	0	2	8	0	10	
3. Laundry-work—mangling, &c., &c. ...	0	5	6	1	12	
4. Store-work and Kitchen and Dairy ...	0	1	5	2	8	
5. Assisting Stoker ...	0	0	1	0	1	
6. Assisting Plumber ...	0	1	1	0	2	
7. Assisting Baker ...	0	2	4	2	8	

Total number of Boys employed in Industrial Occupations ... 218.

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

10 Infant Boys receive special Industrial Lessons in School (not included in above tabulation); 22 are taught needlework, and 20 do Kindergarten work.

Nine 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 ...	10	10	10	0	30	101 11 20 23 8 9
2. Sweeping, dusting, &c. ...	3	4	4	0	11	
3. Bed-making ...	2	5	12	1	20	
4. Scrubbing and general house work ...	0	8	11	4	23	
5. Laundry-work ...	0	0	4	4	8	
6. *Sewing and knitting ...	0	0	5	4	9	

*In School 47 Girls are engaged in preliminary work with needle, 17 hem, 12 sew fairly, 9 sew fairly and knit, and 26 sew fairly, knit, and do wool-work.

The number of Girls employed in Industrial occupations out of school is 71, and 30 other Girls receive special Industrial lessons in school, making a total of 101 under Industrial Training.

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

TABLE

Showing condition of Patients discharged during year.

							Males.	Females.	Total.
"Relieved" {	Recovered	...	...	...	...	...	1	0	1
	Much improved	...	...	...	...	...	9	10	19
	Moderately improved	...	...	...	...	...	23	4	27
	Slightly improved	...	...	...	...	...	6	5	11
	Not improved	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	6
							42	22	64

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, 1888.		NO. OF EACH AGE RESIDENT.			NO. OF EACH AGE DECEASED.		
		Male.	Female.	Total.	Male	Female.	Total.
From 5 to 10 years	...	36	12	48	0	1	1
10 „ 15 „	...	151	101	252	7	3	10
15 „ 20 „	...	131	60	191	4	4	8
20 and upwards	...	109	41	150	0	5	5
		427	214	641	11	13	24

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

WORK DONE IN SHOPS, &c.

Department.	Made.	Repaired	Department.	Made.	Repaired
TAILORS.			GIRLS' WORKROOM AND WARDROBE.		
Coats	227		Aprons	157	...
Overcoats	1		Chemises	5	884
Trousers	425	...	Collars ... ..	...	824
Vests	227	...	Drawers	11	2870
Girls' Jackets ..	7	...	Dresses	20	3157
			Feeders	74	1754
	887	...	Flannel Petticoats	19	1609
			Flannel Vests ...	74	1617
			Hoods	24	416
			Jackets	4	73
			Nightdresses...	4	2747
			Nightshirts ...	20	...
			Pinafores	465	8737
			Shirts	9	2582
			Skirts	78	510
			Stays	2	56
			Ulsters	8	...
				974	27836
TAILORESSES.			LINEN ROOM.		
Coats ... ..	...	3936	Bolster Slips... ..	43	1419
Overcoats ... ..	...	346	Blankets... ..	...	396
Trousers ... ..	...	10471	Blinds	20	23
Vests ... ..	...	2198	Counterpanes ...	...	336
		16951	Dinner Napkins ...	...	7
			Pillow Cases... ..	...	947
			Pillow Slips	61	947
			Sheets	137	903
			Table Cloths... ..	9	156
			Toilet Covers ...	...	27
			Tea Cloths	78	31
			Towels	263	603
				611	4848
SHOEMAKERS.			PLUMBERS.		
Boots (pairs)	482	2498	All Plumbing, Glazing, and Smiths' work.		
			CARPENTERS.		
			All Joinery, Carpentry, Repairing Wooden Furniture, &c.		
UPHOLSTERERS.			PAINTER.		
Baskets ... ..	...	69	Painting, Colouring, Limewashing, and Jobbing.		
Bolsters ... ..	...	295	LAUNDRY.		
Mats	7	...	Number of Pieces Washed :—		
Mattresses... ..	...	445	Sheets	72,778	
Palliasses ... ..	...	47	Pinafores	34,539	
Wool Beds ... ..	...	15	Nightshirts	25,250	
	7	871	Nightdresses ...	32,101	
			Other Articles ...	383,055	
BOYS' WARDROBE.				547,723	
Aprons	10	910			
Collars ... ..	...	1968			
Drawers ... ..	...	2478			
Flannel Vests ...	...	1563			
Jackets, Linen... ..	...	475			
Nightshirts ... ..	...	2248			
Shirts ... ..	...	6184			
Socks and Stockings	...	5425			
Trousers ... ..	...	143			
	10	21394			

JAMES DIGGENS, SECRETARY.

LIST OF CLERGYMEN AND MINISTERS

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

- The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester (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; also at St. Paul's Church, Scotforth, Rev. W. Armitage, Vicar.
- 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. T. Battle, East Keswick Church, near Leeds.
- Rev. Dr. Black, Newchurch Church, Warrington.
- Rev. G. L. Blake, St. Mary's Church, Ellet, Lancaster.
- Rev. Canon 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. M. W. B. Dawe, M.A., at St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. E. Dothie, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. F. Earle, West Tanfield Church, Bedale.
- Rev. S. Earnshaw, at the Parish Church, Sheffield; Rev. Rowley Hill (the late 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, (the late), at Masham Church, Bedale; Rev. G. M. Gorham
Vicar.
- Rev. J. Francis, (Dunham-on-Trent), St. Anne's Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. E. Green (the late), 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; also at
Worsley Church, Manchester, the Rev. the Earl of Mulgrave, Vicar; and at
the Parish Church, Lancaster.
- 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, (the late 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 (the late), St. Mary's Parish Church, Bury.
- Rev. Canon Hoskins, at All Saints' Church, Cockermouth; Rev. E. Green,
(the late), 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. Canon Allen, D.D., Vicar.
- 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. J. H. Lomax, Church of St. John the Divine, Thorpe, Halifax.
- 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, (Newark), 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. H. 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. T. P. Rigby, Aughton Church, Lancaster.
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 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, St. Mary's Church, Hundersfield, Rochdale.
 Rev. W. Shilleto (the late), Goosnargh Church, Preston.
 Rev. J. Simpson (the late), Kirkby Stephen, at the Parish Church, Kirkby
 Lonsdale ; the Rev. Canon Ware, Vicar.
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 Rev. James Smith, Wicker Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. T. Jackson Smith, St. Thomas' Church, Leigh, Manchester.
 Rev. H. A. Starkie, Radcliffe Church, Manchester.
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 Rev. Geo. Style, Giggleswick, Settle.
 Rev. Alexander Thomson, D.D. (Manchester), at High Street Independent
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 Rev. C. C. Tyte, Broompark Congregational Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. Canon Upperton, Ince Church, Chester.
 Rev. G. F. Weston (the late), Crosby Ravensworth Church, Penrith.
 Rev. E. White, Quernmore Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. A. M. Wilson, Ainstable Church, Penrith.
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PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

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 A Friend, Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Ainley, Mrs., Doncaster, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Allen, Mrs. John, Hillside, Lancaster, a Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Appleyard, Miss, Mytholmroyd, Articles of Clothing for Christmas Tree.
 Atkinson, Mrs., Manningham, Bradford, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Bagnall & Wilcock, Lancaster, Christmas Tree Candles for Christmas Tree.
 Barrow, Mrs. T., Baldrand, Lancaster, Bags of Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Bell, Thomas, Lancaster, Illustrated Books for Christmas Tree.
 Blades, Mrs. (the Mayoress of Lancaster), Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Blanchard, Walter, Yealand Conyers, Carnforth, Illustrated Papers and Pictures for Scrap Books.
 Bond, Miss, Stonewell, Lancaster, Dolls and Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
 Bone, Mrs., St. Thomas' Vicarage, Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Briggs, The Misses, and Mr. R. Taylor, Shipley, Toys and Dolls for Christmas Tree.
 Browne, G. Buckston, Preston, a Large Parcel of Bound Books for Christmas Tree.
 Butterworth, B., Luddenden, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Campbell, Mrs., Spring Bank, Lancaster, Illustrated Papers for Christmas Tree.
 Capstick, Mrs., Stonewell, Lancaster, Toys and Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
 Clark, Miss, Queen Street, Lancaster, Oranges and Apples for Christmas Tree.
 Collected by a Friend in Manchester and other places, £3 12s. 2d. for Christmas Tree.
 Cooper, Mrs., Wyersdale Park, Pictures and Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
 Cox, Henry, Liverpool, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Craven, Joseph, M.P., Thornton, Bradford, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Dickson, James and Sons, Chester, Crocusses, Tulips, and other Bulbs.
 Diggins, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Eckersley, Mrs., Standish Hall, Wigan, Toys and Books for Christmas Tree.
 Edge, Wm., Bolton-le-Moors, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Edwards, Mrs., Liverpool, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Ellison, E., Blackburn, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Elphick, Mrs., Chester, Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
 Fenwick, Mrs., Stanhope, Darlington, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Greenwood, Mrs., Bolton-le-Moors, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Hadwen, Mrs., Ashfield, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Hall, W., Market Street, Lancaster, Candles for Christmas Tree.
 Handley, H. J., Chester, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Harris, Mrs. S. J., Halton Park, Lancaster, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Hartley, Mrs., Holme Garth, Morecambe, Six Framed Pictures for Christmas Tree.
 Heawood, C., Heaton Norris, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Higgin, W. H., Q.C., and Mrs. Higgin, Springfield Hall, Lancaster, Toys, Case of Oranges, and Barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.
 Hind, Mrs., Nottingham, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Holden, L., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Holme, Mrs., Kendal, Useful Woollen Articles, Girls' Clothing, and Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Huntington, Wm., Ashford House, Scotforth, a Donkey.
 Hurst, Mrs., Spring Hill, Rochdale, Case of Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Hutchinson, Mrs., Bradford, 6s. for Christmas Tree.
 Jeeves, Mrs., Malvern, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Johnson, Miss, Spital, Birkenhead, Case of Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Lancaster and Skerton Co-operative Society, Limited, Box of Oranges, Nuts, and Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Langshaw, Mrs., Lancaster, Woollen Mittens for Christmas Tree.
 Lawson & Sons, Penny Street, Lancaster, India-rubber Balls for Christmas Tree.

- Lee, Thomas, Kellet, Two Geese for Christmas Tree.
 Manners, Mrs., Cheapside, Lancaster, Boxes of Bon-bons for Christmas Tree.
 McAdam, John, Manchester, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Maxsted, Miss Gladys, Lancaster, Scrap Book for Christmas Tree.
 Moon, Mrs., Thorneycroft, Lancaster, Box of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Nickson, Mrs., Talbot Hotel, Blackpool, Two Boxes of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Ogden, Mrs., Brierfield, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Paget, Miss, Greenfield, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Paley, E. G., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Pickford, Miss, The Haws, Carnforth, Illustrated Papers and Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
 Radley, Mrs., Morecambe, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Ramsbotham, Dr. and Mrs., Leeds, Case of Toys, and Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Rawson, J. Selwyn, White Windows, Sowerby Bridge, Two Geese, and £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Rawson, F. Gerald S., Thorpe, Halifax, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Rawson, Mrs., F. E., Thorpe, Halifax, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Reekie, G., Manchester, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Religious Tract Society, Parcel of Books, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Reynolds & Branson, Leeds, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Richardson, Alfred, (ex-pupil of the R. A. A.), Workington, 50 Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
 Robson, Mrs., Newcastle-on-Tyne, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Saul, Mrs. W. Wingate, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Saville, Mrs., Thornton, Bradford, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Shaw, Mrs., Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Sherson, The Misses, Greenfield, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Shuttleworth, Miss and Master, Lancaster, Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
 Simpson, Matthew, Lancaster, Illustrated Papers.
 Slinger, The Misses, White Cross Cottage, Lancaster, Dolls, Woollen Mitts, Toys, and Bags of Coloured Wool for Christmas Tree.
 Smith, Mrs., and other friends, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, a valuable Musical Instrument (Celestina.) "In memory of John Willie Wall, who died at the Royal Albert Asylum, December 8th, 1887."
 Starling, Mrs., Briggate, Leeds, Boxes of Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Stevenson, Mrs. J. C., Leamington, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Storey, Lady, Westfield House, Lancaster, Case of Toys for Christmas Tree, Illustrated Papers, &c.
 Sutton, George, Lancaster, a large Glass Sandwich Dish and Cover.
 Tennant, Mrs., Lancaster, Dolls for Christmas Tree.
 Wade, Major, The Children of, Sawrey Infra, Ambleside, Illustrated Papers, Magazines, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Wade, Miss J. K. G., Sawrey Infra, Ambleside, Box of Sea-Shells from Oban.
 Watson, Joseph, Marley Hill, Whickham, collected by, £1 14s. for Christmas Tree.
 Welsby, Captain Hardy, Southport, Box of Toys for Christmas Tree.
 White, Miss, Calton Cottage, Morecambe, Nineteen Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
 Whitley, Mrs. John, West House, Halifax, Animal Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Wickern, Miss, Manchester, Eight Engravings for Framing for Christmas Tree.
 Wilson, Miss Eleanor, Kendal, Toys, Woollen Articles, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Wilson, Mrs., Dallam Tower, Milnthorpe, Lilies of the Valley.
 Wright, Alfred, Leeds, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Wrigley, Mr. and Mrs. James, Holbeck, Windermere, Three Cases of Toys, Mounted Pictures, Scrap Books, &c., for Christmas Tree.

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.
Ashton-in-Makerfield	1	Nelson, Burnley	1
Ashton-under-Lyne	1	Newchurch, Warrington	1
Barrow-in-Furness	1	Newton-le-Willows	1
Bedford-Leigh	4	Oldham	20
Bolton-le-Moors	11	Oswaldtwistle	1
Blackburn	8	Patricroft, Manchester	1
Blundell Sands, Liverpool	1	Pemberton, Wigan	1
Burnley	9	Penwortham, Preston	1
Bury	4	Prescot, Liverpool	4
Clitheroe	1	Preston	10
Dalton-in-Furness	1	Quernmore, Lancaster	1
Farnworth, Bolton-le-Moors	4	Radcliffe	4
Fazackerley, Liverpool	1	Ribchester, Preston	1
Formby, Liverpool	1	Rochdale	7
Garstang	2	Royton, Oldham	1
Garston, Liverpool	1	Southport	4
Harwood, Bolton-le-Moors	1	Stalybridge	2
Haslingden	1	Standish, Wigan	1
Heysham, Lancaster	1	Stockport	1
Heywood, Rochdale	1	Todmorden, Rochdale	2
Hindley, Wigan	1	Tyldesley	1
Lancaster	3	Ulverston	1
Liverpool	54	Walkden, Bolton-le-Moors	1
Longridge, Preston	3	Warrington	1
Lytham, Preston	1	Widnes	1
Manchester and Salford	60		
Middleton, Manchester	2		
Mossley	1		

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YORKSHIRE.

	No.		No.
Addingham, Skipton	1	Lightcliffe, Halifax	2
Allerthorpe, Bedale	1	Luddenden, Halifax	2
Appersett, Hawes	1	Marske-by-the-Sea	1
Baildon, Bradford	1	Middleton, Leeds	1
Barnoldswick, Skipton	1	Mirfield	2
Barnsley	6	Newlay, Leeds	1
Batley	1	Otley	1
Bedale	1	Overton, Wakefield	1
Bell Busk, Skipton	1	Owston, Doncaster	1
Bingley, Bradford	2	Queensbury, Bradford	1
Boroughbridge	1	Rastrick, Halifax	1
Bowes	1	Richmond	1
Bradford	15	Ripley	1
Bramley, Leeds	1	Rodley, Leeds	2
Brighouse, Halifax	4	Rotherham	6
Burley-in-Wharfedale, Bradford	1	Saltaire, Bradford	1
Dewsbury	4	Saltburn-by-the-Sea	1
Doncaster	3	Scarborough	1
Easingwold	1	Selby	1
East Keswick, Leeds	1	Shadwell, Leeds	1
Farnley, Leeds	1	Sheffield	14
Farsley, Leeds	1	Shipley, Bradford	2
Gomersal, Leeds	1	Skipton	1
Goole	6	Slaidburn	1
Guisborough	2	Snaith, Selby	1
Halifax	8	Sowerby Bridge, Halifax	2
Hebden Bridge, Halifax	2	Thornton, Bradford	1
Hessle, Hull	1	Wakefield	1
Holmfirth, Huddersfield	1	West Vale, Halifax	1
Huddersfield	4	Wortley, Sheffield	1
Hull	5	York	9
Keighley	3		
Knaresbro'	1		
Leeds	32		

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CHESHIRE.

Adlington	1	Lymm... ..	1
Alderley Edge	1	Macclesfield	1
Alsager	1	Marbury	1
Altrincham	1	Mobberley... ..	1
Birkenhead	5	Neston	1
Bunbury	1	Runcorn	1
Chester	12	Sale	2
Disley	1	Siddington... ..	1
Dukinfield... ..	1	Stalybridge	2
Heaton Norris	1		
Knutsford	2		
Liscard	2		40

DURHAM.

	No.		No.
Birtley	1	Hunstanworth	1
Bishop Auckland	2	Langley Moor	1
Bishopwearmouth	1	New Seaham	1
Blackhill	1	New Shildon	2
Crook	1	Seaham Harbour	1
Croxdale	1	Seaton Carew	1
Darlington... ..	5	South Shields	2
Durham	3	Sunderland	2
Easington	1	West Hartlepool	1
Felling... ..	1	Whickham... ..	1
Gateshead	4	Wingate	1
Hartlepool... ..	1		
Hetton-le-Hole... ..	1		37

CUMBERLAND.

Aspatria	1	Silloth... ..	1
Carlisle	5	Stapleton	1
Cockermouth	2	Whitehaven	1
Cumwhitton	1	Wigton	2
Gilgarron	1	Workington	1
Holm Rook	1		
Irthington	2		20
Moor Row	1		

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Acklington... ..	1	North Shields	1
Alnwick	1	Tynemouth	4
Beal	1		
Berwick	1		15
Newcastle-on-Tyne... ..	6		

WESTMORLAND.

Ambleside	1	Stainton, Milnthorpe	1
Kendal	2	Windermere	1
New Hutton	1		
Pooley Bridge	1		7

SUMMARY.

LANCASHIRE	250
YORKSHIRE	179
CHESHIRE... ..	40
DURHAM	37
CUMBERLAND... ..	20
NORTHUMBERLAND	15
WESTMORLAND	7
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	548
OTHER COUNTIES	5
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TOTAL... ..	553
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THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM having been established for the benefit of all classes of Imbeciles, the Central Committee have recently purchased the Quarry Hill property—comprising a block of Houses, with extensive grounds charmingly laid out in Tennis Lawns, Ornamental Plantations, Gardens, &c.—as a HOME FOR SPECIAL PRIVATE PUPILS attending the Schools and other Occupations at the Institution.

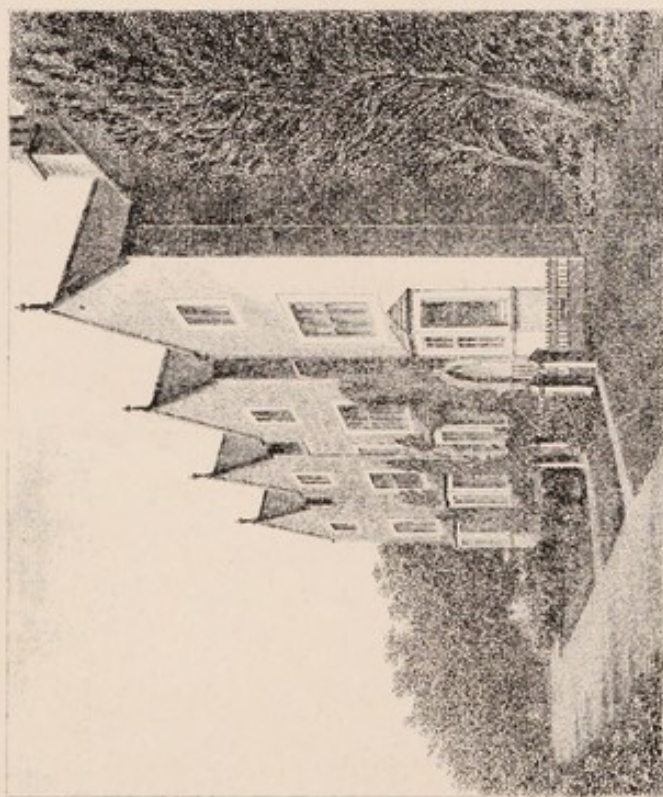
BRUNTON HOUSE is in a most salubrious situation, and commands fine views of the Lake Mountains, Morecambe Bay, the Estuary of the Lune, and of the surrounding country, which is beautifully varied. Though quite detached, it is in convenient proximity to the Asylum Estate consisting of 105 acres; and is under the same medical and general administration as the Asylum, with which it has telephonic connection.

The object is 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.

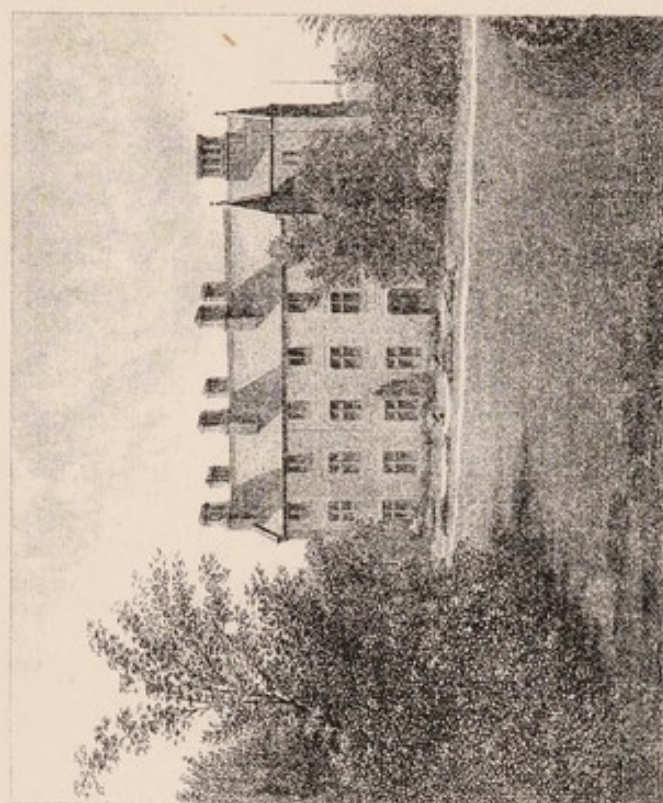
Information as to terms, &c., may be had from

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