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CUMBERLAND, DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

FORTY-FIFTH 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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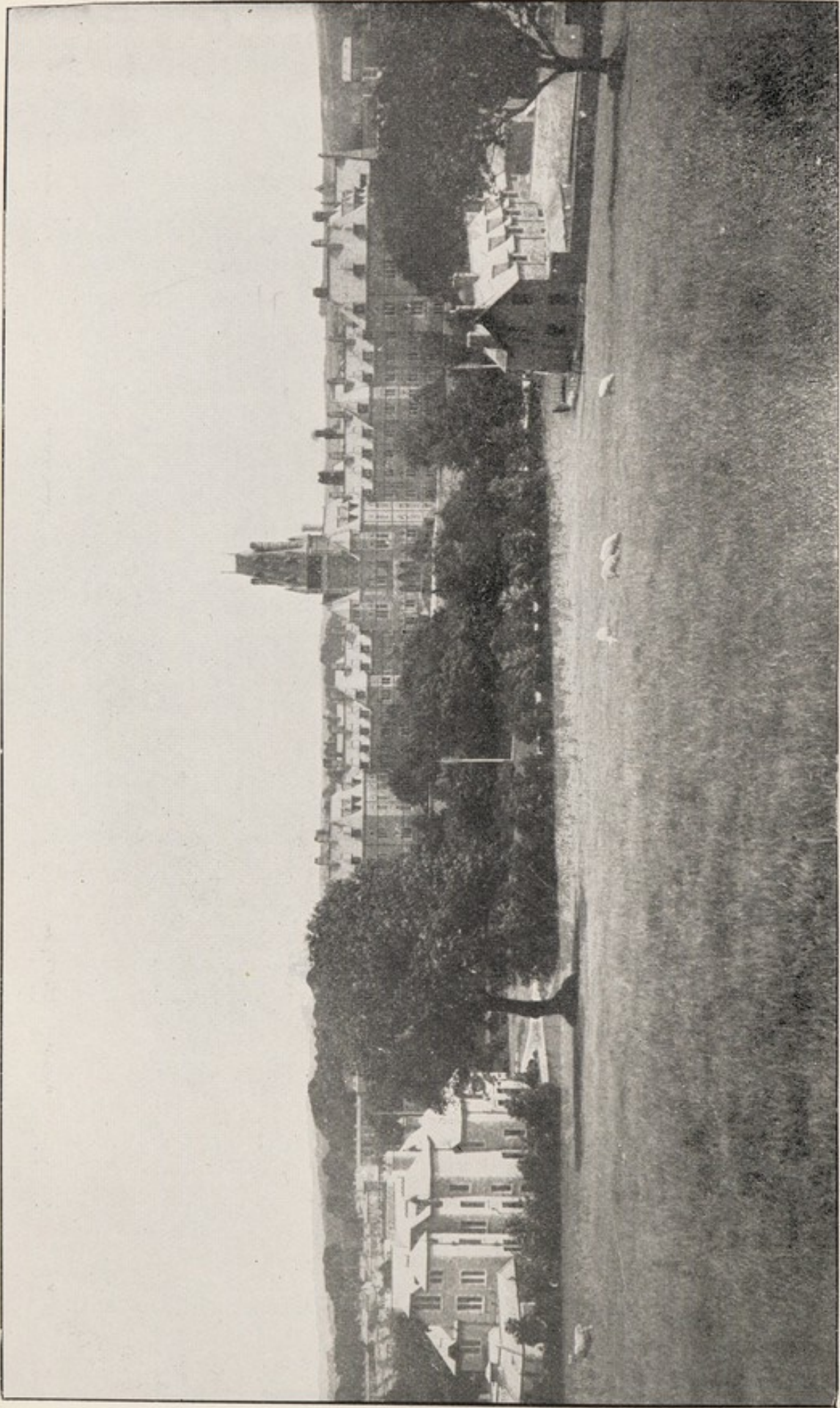
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FORM OF BEQUEST.

I BEQUEATH TO THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM AT LANCASTER the sum of _____ free of duty, to be applicable for the purposes of such Institution, and I declare that the receipt of the TREASURER or other proper officer for the time being of such Institution shall be a sufficient discharge for the same.

I devise my [describe the property fully] free of duty, unto the Royal Albert Asylum at Lancaster, for all my estate and interest therein, the same to be for the absolute use and benefit of the said Institution and applicable for the purposes thereof.*

** Until lately a Testator could give only money to a Charitable Institution, but now, by a recent Act of Parliament, he can give real estate (that is land, houses and other buildings, and chief rents) as well as money to such an Institution.*

LEGACIES.

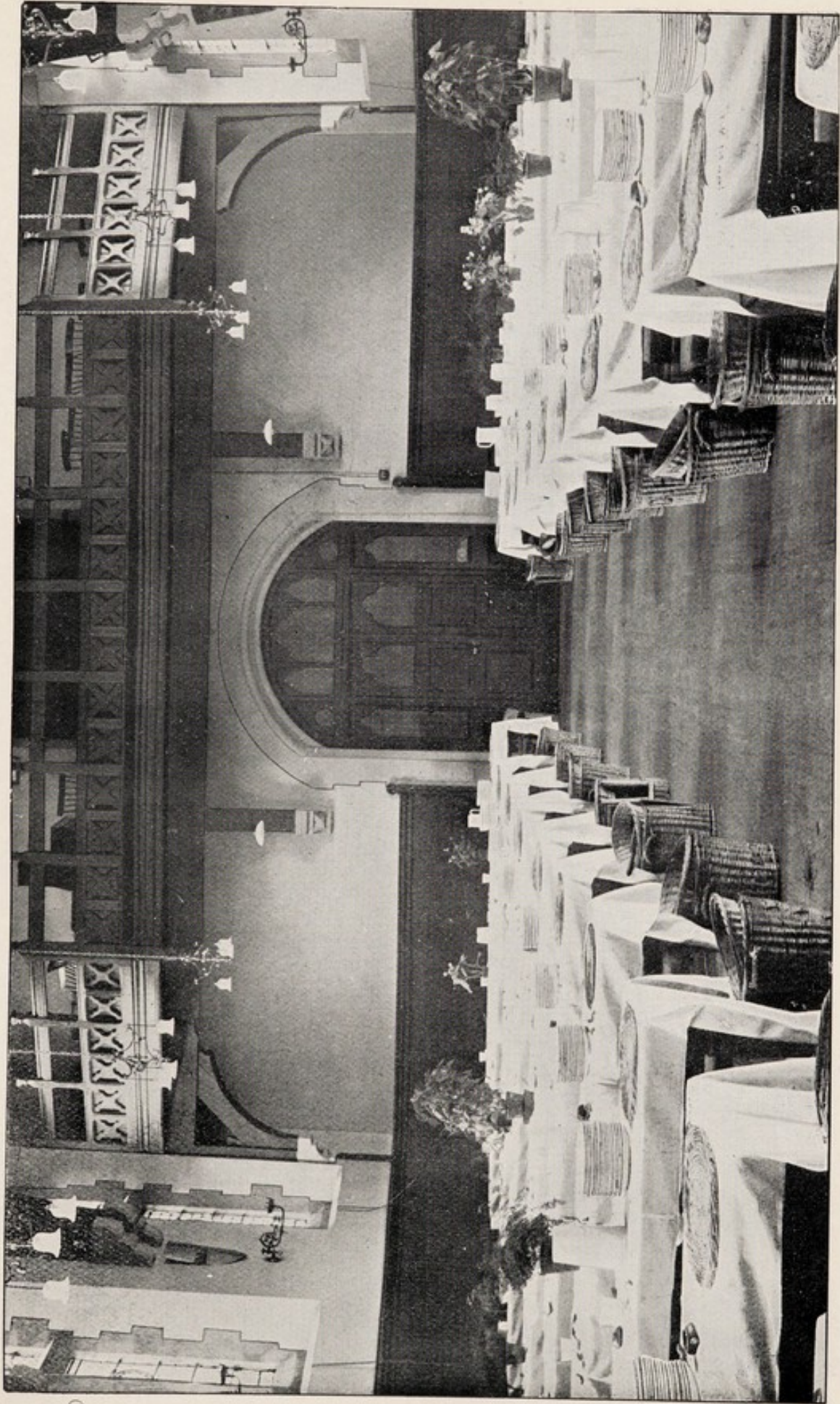
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THE DE VITRÉ HALL.



A PEEP IN THE GROUNDS.

P R O S P E C T U S .

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM has been established for the care, education, and training of the Feeble-minded of all classes belonging to the Seven Northern Counties, viz.:—Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham, and Northumberland. The number of Imbecile or Feeble-minded Persons in England and Wales returned at the Census of 1901 was 48,882. Of these, 13,898 belonged to the Seven Counties, 3,390 being under twenty years of age. But accurate statistics as to the prevalence of imbecility or feeble-mindedness 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.

Imbecility being generally accompanied by an abnormal or imperfectly developed physical organisation, which retards the growth of the intellectual and moral powers, Imbeciles 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 Imbeciles 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 Imbecile'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 long experience as Superintendent of the Earlswood Asylum, calculated 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 (of the Eastern Counties' Asylum at Colchester), 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 185 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 700 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. It includes gymnastic training, school education of a suitable kind, and instruction in a simple handicraft or other useful occupation. The Institution is under the care of a Resident Medical Superintendent and two Assistant Medical Officers.

Epileptic, Paralytic, Tuberculous, 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 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.

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 678 patients now in the Asylum, 273 belong to Lancashire, 210 to Yorkshire, 63 to Cheshire, 59 to Durham, 31 to Cumberland, 20 to Northumberland, 16 to Westmorland. Six 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*, *Yorkshire Observer*, *Yorkshire Post*, *Lancashire Daily Post*, *Preston Guardian*, *Preston Herald*, *Halifax Courier*, *Huddersfield Examiner*, *Huddersfield Chronicle*, *Southport Visiter*, *Kendal Mercury*, *Waterloo Herald*, *Yorkshire Herald*, and other leading journals, have sent Special Correspondents to describe the daily life of the Institution.

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Reports, Pamphlets, Regulations of Admission, and other information, will be gladly supplied by the Secretary, Mr. Samuel Keir, The Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster.

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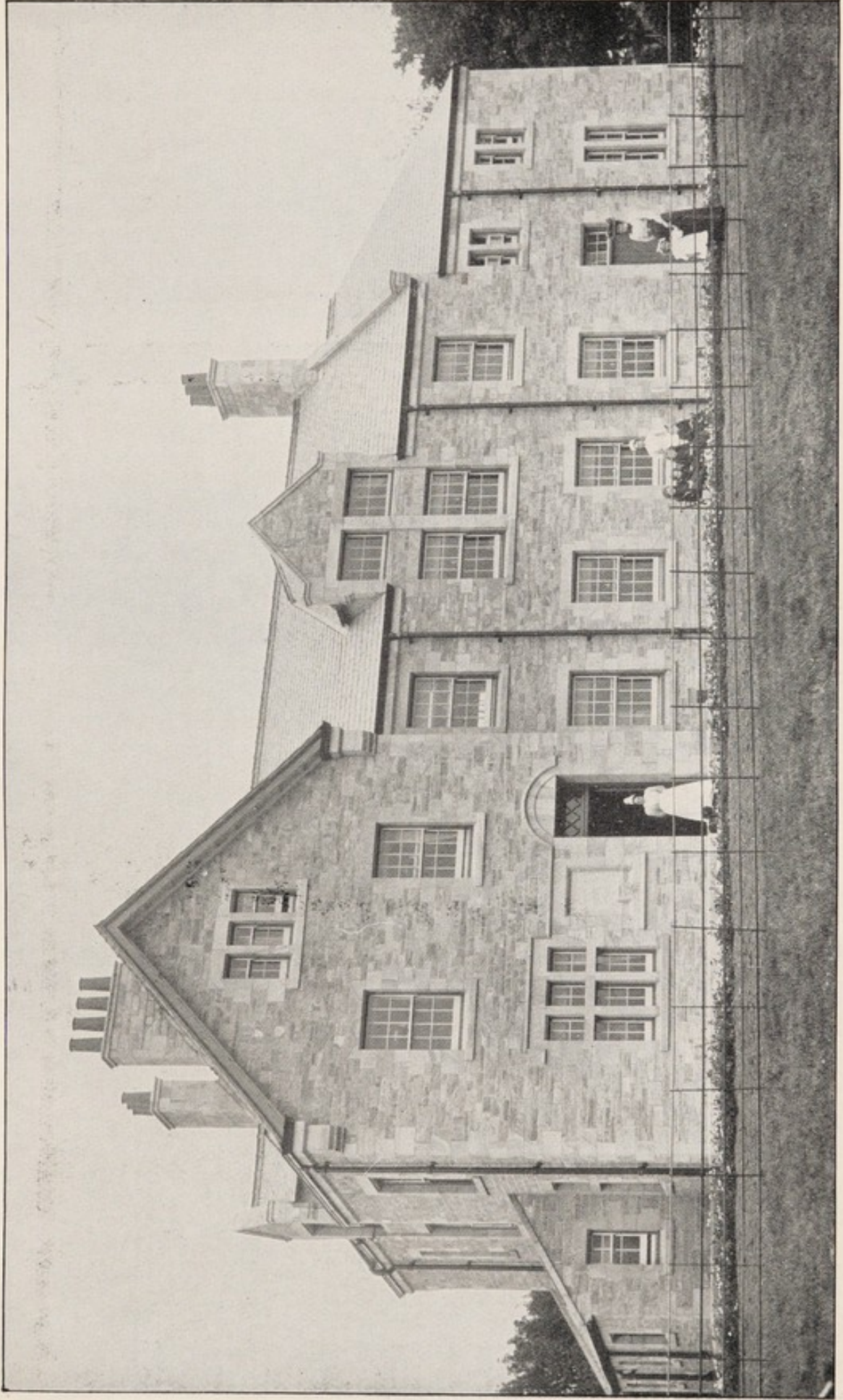
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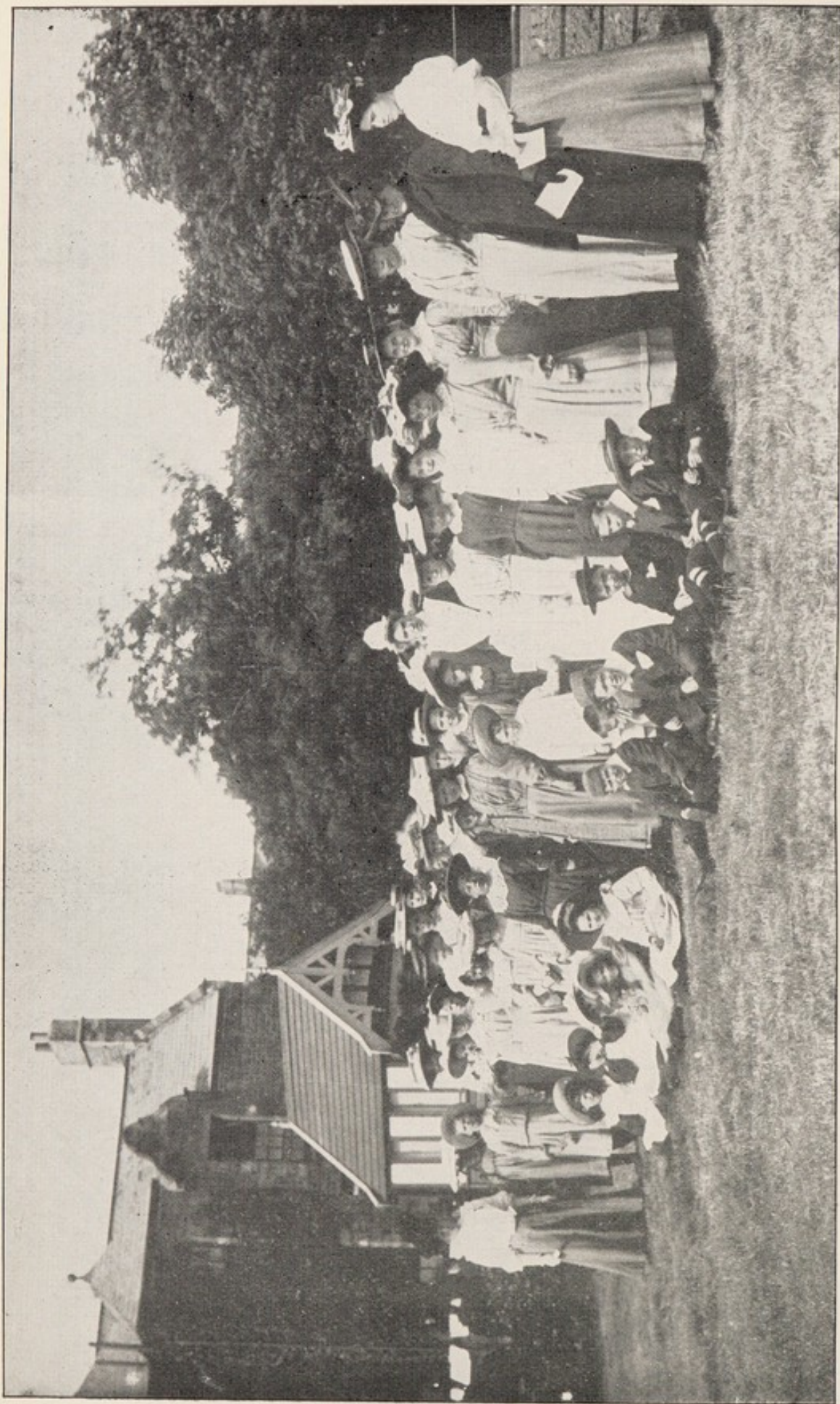
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GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING AT BRADFORD,

September 30th, 1909.

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The GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Subscribers to the ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM was held at the Town Hall, Bradford, on Thursday, September 30th, 1909,

LORD RICHARD CAVENDISH

(Deputy-Chairman of the Central Committee)

PRESIDING.

The Minutes of the previous General Annual Meeting, held at Lancaster on September 30th, 1908, were confirmed.

The following RESOLUTIONS were unanimously passed :

1.—That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Central Committee, the following Rule be added to the Rules and Regulations of the Royal Albert Asylum :

“ It shall be lawful for the Institution (with the sanction of a general meeting) to enter into any arrangement with any other Institution, whether incorporated or not, having objects altogether or in part similar to those of the Institution, for the transfer to such other Institution of the undertaking and assets and liabilities of the Institution, on such terms and conditions and subject to such provisions as may seem expedient, and in particular (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions) any such arrangement may provide for a transfer as aforesaid to the Royal Albert Institution, Lancaster, a concern incorporated or about to be incorporated under the Companies (Consolidation) Act, 1908, as a Company limited by guarantee, and where any such arrangement has been made the Central Committee may carry the same into effect and shall take all such steps as in their judgment may be proper with a view to rendering the members of the Institution members of the new Institution, and it is to be no objection to such arrangement that the executive body of the Institution becomes the executive body of such new Institution.”

Moved by Lord Richard Cavendish (Deputy-Chairman of the Central Committee), and seconded by C. F. Tetley, Esq. (Chairman of the Yorkshire Committee), Leeds.

- 2.—That, in accordance with the provisions of the Rule adopted by the preceding Resolution, the undertaking, assets and liabilities of the Royal Albert Asylum be transferred to an Institution to be incorporated under the title of “The Royal Albert Institution, Lancaster”; that the agreement now submitted for effecting such transfer be approved and adopted, and that Samuel Keir, the Secretary, be and is hereby authorised to execute such agreement on behalf of the Royal Albert Asylum; and that the Central Committee be and are hereby authorised to effect the incorporation of the Royal Albert Institution, Lancaster, under such Memorandum and Articles of Association as they may deem advisable, and to take all such steps as in their absolute discretion may be deemed advisable or necessary for giving effect to the provisions of the said agreement, and for that purpose shall be deemed to be promoters under the Regulations of the Board of Trade.

Moved by Lord Richard Cavendish and seconded by C. F. Tetley, Esq.

- 3.—That this Meeting approves and adopts the Report now presented, congratulates the Chairman and Members of the Central Committee upon the continued success and efficiency of the Institution, and commends to sympathetic consideration their earnest appeal for increased support.

Moved by Lord Richard Cavendish and seconded by C. F. Tetley, Esq.

- 4.—That the Lancaster Members of the Central Committee be cordially thanked for their services, and that the following gentlemen be appointed Members of the Central Committee for the ensuing year :

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Moved by Sir William Tomlinson, Bart., Heysham, Lancaster, and seconded by C. F. Tetley, Esq.

- 5.—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Honorary Auditor, James Heald, Esq., and to the Professional Auditor, Mr. A. B. S. Welch, for their audit of the

Accounts of the Royal Albert Asylum and for their inspection of the Deeds and Certificates representing the Investments; and that, in compliance with Rule XXXIV, Colonel F. Cooper Turner be hereby appointed Honorary Auditor and Mr. A. B. S. Welch Professional Auditor for the ensuing year.

Moved by Lord Richard Cavendish and seconded by C. F. Tetley, Esq.

A Vote of Thanks to the Chairman was moved by Sir William Tomlinson, Bart., and seconded by W. I. R. Crowder, Esq., Carlisle.

SAMUEL KEIR,
SECRETARY.

At the PUBLIC MEETING held subsequently the Right Hon. the LORD MAYOR OF BRADFORD (JAMES HILL, Esq.) presided.

The Chairman addressed the Meeting and the following RESOLUTIONS were unanimously passed:

1.—That this Meeting hears with satisfaction of the progress and expansion of the benevolent work so successfully undertaken by the Royal Albert Asylum, and trusts that its strong claims for increased support may meet with a generous response from Yorkshire and the other Associated Northern Counties.

Moved by Lord Richard Cavendish (Deputy-Chairman of the Central Committee), seconded by B. S. Brigg, Esq., Keighley, and supported by Frederick Priestman, Esq., Bradford.

2.—That this Meeting gratefully recognises the disinterested services of the Collectors and Honorary Officers of the Bradford Ladies' Association and of the other Ladies' Associations in the Northern Counties; and also tenders thanks to the Members of the Bradford Local Committee, and invites the following Gentlemen (with power to add to their number) to act on such Committee:

The Right Hon. The LORD MAYOR
OF BRADFORD.
The Right Hon. LORD HOLDEN.
Sir F. S. POWELL, Bart, M.P.
Sir WM. PRIESTLEY, M.P.
H. R. ARMITAGE, Esq.
F. H. BENTHAM, Esq.
E. P. ARNOLD-FORSTER, Esq.
BENJAMIN S. BRIGG, Esq.

JOSEPH CRAVEN, Esq.
FREDERIC C. FOSTER, Esq.
WILLIAM C. LUPTON, Esq.
J. BRYDON MILLIGAN, Esq.
JACOB MOSER, Esq.
THOMAS PRIESTLEY, Esq.
FREDERICK PRIESTMAN, Esq.
WILLIAM WADE, Esq.

- 3.—That the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor be cordially thanked for his services as Chairman, and also for kindly granting the use of the Town Hall on the present occasion.

Moved by Lord Richard Cavendish and seconded by W. G. Welch, Esq., Lancaster.

SAMUEL KEIR,

SECRETARY.

LUNCHEON.

Prior to the Meetings the Right Hon. the LORD MAYOR of BRADFORD (JAMES HILL, Esq.) entertained the following gentlemen at Luncheon in the Town Hall: Lord Richard Cavendish (Deputy-Chairman of the Central Committee); Mr. F. H. Bentham, Rev. E. Griffith-Jones, Rev. H. Gresford Jones, Mr. Wm. C. Lupton, Mr. Frederick Priestman, Mr. C. O. Smith, Mr. Robert Shackleton, Mr. W. A. Whitehead, Bradford; Dr. R. W. Wakefield, Cark; Mr. W. I. R. Crowder and Mr. W. I. R. Crowder, Junr., Carlisle; Sir William Tomlinson, Bart., Heysham; Mr. A. R. Crossley, Hebden Bridge; Mr. B. S. Brigg, Keighley; Dr. W. Rushton Parker, Kendal; Mr. C. F. Tetley, Mr. Robert Jowitt, Leeds; Mr. George D. Killey, Liverpool; Mr. J. Selwyn Rawson, Sowerby Bridge; Dr. Frederick Shann, York; Rev. W. L. Appleford, Mr. Robert Mansergh, Mr. S. Satterthwaite, Mr. D. P. Sturton, Mr. James Williamson Wearing, Mr. W. G. Welch, Dr. Archibald R. Douglas (Medical Superintendent) and Mr. Samuel Keir (Secretary), Lancaster.

REPORT

*Presented at the General Annual Meeting at
Bradford, Thursday, September 30th, 1909.*

The Central Committee, in presenting to the subscribers their Forty-fifth Annual Report, have pleasure in stating that the year has seen a continued growth in every department of the Institution and of its useful work.

Shortly after the last Annual Meeting, and indeed before the Annual Report had reached the subscribers, the Committee were called upon to mourn the loss by death of their distinguished Chairman, the Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B. His association with the Royal Albert Asylum dated from the 11th of December, 1866, when at a meeting in Oldham he spoke in support of the project for its establishment and joined the Local Committee then formed. During the following year he became a member of the Central Committee, in 1870 he was appointed Chairman of the Lancashire Committee, and in 1890 he succeeded Lord Winmarleigh in the Chairmanship of the Central Committee, presiding in that capacity over the destinies of the Institution for a period of eighteen years. In advocating the cause of the Royal Albert Asylum he took an active and prominent part, and, often at considerable personal inconvenience, attended and addressed public meetings in all parts of the northern counties. Also it was

The late
Sir John T.
Hibbert,
K.C.B.

mainly through his personal exertions, when a member of the Government then in office, that the Idiots Act of 1886 was passed, relieving Institutions for Imbeciles from the formalities and restrictions of the Lunacy Acts, to which they had previously been subject. A pleasing event in connection with the opening of the Ashton Wing in 1901 was the presentation of a subscription portrait of Sir John, a ceremony performed by the late Bishop of Carlisle, who observed that "Sir John's patience had had no limit, his zeal had never flagged, his courtesy had never failed, and the portrait presented to the Institution that day would be a treasured possession." For more than forty years he took an active interest in promoting the welfare of the Royal Albert Asylum, to the service of which he was ever ready to devote his personal advocacy, his public influence and his wide administrative experience. He discharged the duties of his position as Chairman with conspicuous ability and unfailing courtesy, and his loss is regretted not only by his colleagues but also by the relatives and friends of the many feeble-minded children whose interests were so near his heart.

The late
Sir Edward
Lawrence,
Knt.

Another death which the Committee deplore is that of Sir Edward Lawrence, of Liverpool, the last survivor of the little band of enthusiasts who launched the Institution on its successful career forty-five years ago. Within a month of the first meeting, he presided as Mayor over a Liverpool meeting at which donations amounting to £4,000 were announced, and made the first of his many eloquent appeals in support of the movement. In 1877 Sir Edward was appointed a Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee, and in 1891 he became Chairman of the Lancashire Committee. Although increasing infirmity prevented his attendance at Lancaster save on rare occasions, he retained to the last his keen interest in the affairs of the Institution, and upon Sir John Hibbert's death he was instrumental in securing Lord Lathom's acceptance of the Chairmanship. Recently his long and valuable services were recognised by his appointment as a President.

Other deaths to which regretful reference must be made are those of the Most Hon. the Marquis of Ripon, K.G., the Right Hon. Earl Egerton of Tatton, Mr. George A. Dickson (Chester) and Mr. S. P. Foster (Carlisle). Both the Marquis of Ripon and Earl Egerton of Tatton were Trustees and Presidents, and Earl Egerton was also Chairman of the Cheshire and the Manchester and Salford Committees.

Deaths.

The Committee have been fortunate in securing the services of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom as their Chairman, and of Lord Richard Cavendish as Deputy-Chairman and Chairman of the House Committee. Lord Lathom has also kindly accepted the Chairmanship of the Lancashire Committee.

Appoint-
ments.

The Committee note with pleasure the appointment of Mr. E. Tootal Broadhurst as Chairman of the Manchester and Salford Committee, and they welcome new colleagues in Mr. James Hill (Lord Mayor of Bradford), Mr. H. J. Coulston (Bolton-le-Sands) and Mr. J. M. Sladen (Windermere), filling vacancies caused by death and by the resignation of Mr. John Hill (Bradford) and Mr. W. G. Groves (Windermere), whose retirement is sincerely regretted.

Changes.

The subscribers are now asked to give their approval to the incorporation of the Asylum under the amended title of "The Royal Albert Institution, Lancaster," an alteration which the Committee recommend after most careful consideration. In the case of so important a Foundation, incorporation confers many advantages, particularly in dealing with the property of the Institution. The memorandum and articles of association have been carefully drafted, care being taken to ensure compliance with the views of the founders of the Asylum. The first step in this direction was taken at Durham in 1900, when the title was altered by describing the Asylum as "A Training Institution for the Feeble-minded of the Northern Counties," and the following extract from the report of

Incorporation.

the recent Royal Commission on the Feeble-minded indicates the desirability of the modification now proposed :

Another conclusion the facts suggest. The change of title which the committees of management of the Asylums have already introduced should, we think, be continued and even pushed further. The word "asylum," as now used, appears to us misleading. It savours of the mere detention of extreme cases, whether of lunacy or idiocy. If the Institution be in effect a hospital, it would be better so to call it. If it be a training home, it would be better that it should bear that name. Probably, indeed, the reorganisation of the functions of the present Asylums and Homes for the Feeble-minded will involve a change in the nomenclature of these Institutions. We think that this would be a great advantage, not only for the reasons we have given, but because it would coincide with changes in public sentiment, an important factor in the success or failure of dealing with the mentally-defective.

Hon.
Solicitors.

In connection with this scheme of incorporation the valuable assistance rendered by the Hon. Solicitors (Messrs. Maxsted, Gibsons and Sturton) deserves grateful recognition. During the year, in reference to several other important questions, their services have been of great advantage to the Institution.

Acknowledgments.

To the Honorary Officers generally and the members of the County and Local Committees, as well as to the newspaper press of the northern counties, the Committee tender most cordial thanks, and also to the following Clergymen and Ministers, whose advocacy of the claims of the Institution may possibly serve as an incentive to others :

Rev. W. L. Appleford, Ripley Hospital Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. H. G. Croft, Chaplain of Sedgfield Asylum.
 Rev. Canon Garnett, Christleton Church, Chester.
 Rev. M. Headlam, St. John's Church, Keswick.
 Rev. J. B. Higham, Unitarian Church, Park Lane, Wigan.
 Ven. Archdeacon Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre Church,
 Garstang.
 Rev. John T. Lawton, St. Thomas's Church, Leigh.

Eighth
Quinquennial
Festival.

The eighth Quinquennial Festival, held at the Institution on the 30th of September last year under the presidency of the Right Hon. Viscount Cross, proved a most successful event, and left behind it very pleasant memories. It was on this occasion that the late Sir John



The Right Hon.
THE EARL OF LATHOM,
Chairman
of the Central Committee.



LORD RICHARD CAVENDISH,
Deputy-Chairman
of the Central Committee.

Hibbert paid his last visit to the Institution, presiding over the Annual Meeting. Lady Hibbert was also present, and sixteen members of the staff had the pleasure of receiving long-service medals from her hands. Interesting addresses were given by Viscount Cross, Sir John Hibbert, Sir James Crichton Browne, M.D., and the Very Rev. the Dean of Manchester. Lord Lathom and Lord Richard Cavendish made their first public appearance in support of the Institution, and other speakers were Sir W. E. M. Tomlinson (Heysham), Rev. A. R. Tomlinson (Bolton-le-Sands), Mr. G. D. Killey and Dr. F. F. German (Liverpool), Mr. R. Mansergh (Grange-over-Sands), Mr. A. R. Crossley (Hebden Bridge), Mr. W. I. R. Crowder (Carlisle), and the Rev. W. L. Appleford, Mr. C. J. Clark, Mr. E. B. Dawson, Dr. W. Hall, Mr. N. W. Helme, M.P., Mr. S. Satterthwaite, Mr. H. L. Storey, Mr. J. W. Wearing and Mr. W. G. Welch (Lancaster). Extracts from these addresses are given elsewhere in this report, and to these subscribers are referred.

The annual Election of Patients took place at Kendal on the 11th of May, and was followed by a public meeting in the Town Hall. Mr. G. E. Moser (Hon. Secretary of the Westmorland Committee) presided at the election, with Mr. C. Frith-Hudson (Milnthorpe), Mr. R. Mansergh (Grange-over-Sands), Mr. B. S. Brigg (Keighley), Colonel Cooper Turner and Mr. W. G. Welch (Lancaster) as scrutineers. The Worshipful the Mayor of Kendal (Mr. John Banks) took the chair at the public meeting, and was supported by Lord Richard Cavendish, Mr. Richard Rigg (High Sheriff of Westmorland), Mr. C. F. Tetley (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee), Mr. T. A. Argles (Chairman of the Westmorland Committee), Mr. F. W. Crewdson, Dr. W. Rushton Parker, Mr. Colin Somervell and Mr. E. W. Wakefield (Kendal), in addition to the gentlemen already named. On this occasion there were 91 applicants for the 50 vacancies at the disposal of the Committee, Lancashire having 33 candidates for 20 places, Yorkshire 31 for 15 places, Cheshire 8 for 5 places, Westmorland 5 for 2 places, Cumberland 4 for 2 places, Durham 5 for 4 places, and

Annual
Election of
Patients.

Northumberland 5 for 2 places. The Committee are deeply indebted to Mr. Argles for the hospitable manner in which he entertained the gentlemen taking part in the proceedings.

Finances.

Though the financial results of the year are not quite as favourable as in some recent years, they give no cause for anxiety. A reduction of £87 in the annual subscriptions is not a matter for surprise, considering the severe depression in the trade of many large areas in the north and the heavier demands which have fallen in many ways upon the purses of subscribers. It is satisfactory to note that the total amount of the payments for patients has been maintained, and that the interest derived from the invested funds exhibits some increase. The expenditure on Maintenance Account shows an increase of £424, due to the addition of 14 to the average number of patients. The average is 661, as against 647 in the previous year. It is hoped that our subscribers will remember that the number at present in the Institution is 678, and that therefore a larger income is a necessity for the future.

Number and Classification of Patients.

Of the 678 inmates, 431 are males and 247 females, of whom 292 are election cases (an increase of 22 within the last two years) and 352 cases received at reduced rates of payment. There are also 14 life patients, 1 presentation case, 13 full-payment cases and 6 associated and private patients. In the following table, the inmates are classified according to the counties from which they were received :

Lancashire	273
Yorkshire	210
Cheshire	63
Durham	59
Cumberland	31
Northumberland	20
Westmorland	16
Other Counties.....	6
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	678

The average weekly cost of each patient has been 14s. 3¼d., as compared with 14s. 4d. last year.

Average
Weekly Cost
of
Maintenance.

Some improvements effected during the year deserve mention. A new dairy has been erected at a cost of £300; and the drainage of the Asylum cottages and farm buildings has been improved. The laundry machinery has been thoroughly overhauled and renewed, and the kitchen hoist has been altered and is now worked by electricity.

Improve-
ments.

The following table may be of interest to subscribers as showing how the several counties for whose benefit the Institution was established have contributed to its support during the year :

Contributions
from the
Seven
Counties.

COUNTIES.	MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.		SUSTEN-TATION FUND.	TOTAL.	
	Annual Subscrip-tions.	Donations.	Legacies.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
LANCASHIRE	1577 4 1	283 10 0	... ..	1860 14 1	
YORKSHIRE	1146 10 2	37 11 6	550 0 0	1734 1 8	
CHESHIRE	428 14 0	11 0 6	2000 0 0	2439 14 6	
WESTMORLAND ...	187 15 0	7 3 6	100 0 0	294 18 6	
CUMBERLAND	251 1 0	8 19 0	... ..	260 0 0	
DURHAM	376 15 6	... ..	... ..	376 15 6	
NORTHUMBERLAND	135 16 0	21 7 6	... ..	157 3 6	
	4103 15 9	369 12 0	2650 0 0	7123 7 9	

The legacies received and invested during the year are from the following testators :

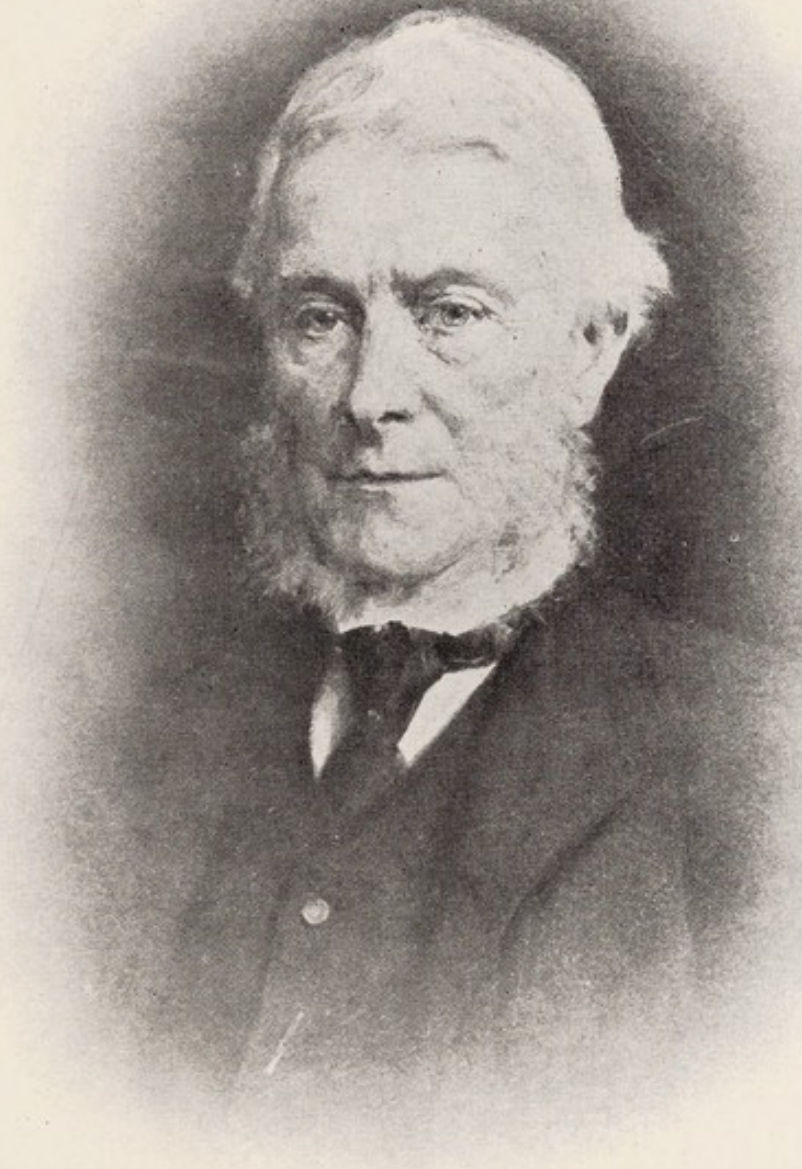
Legacies.

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Jane Churton, Watergate Flags, Chester	2,000	0	0
Charles Weighell, Middlesbrough	250	0	0
Miss Ann Appleyard, White Lee, Mytholmroyd	200	0	0
Miss K. M. Cairns, Craigfoot, Windermere.....	100	0	0
Charles Kitchenman, Halifax	100	0	0

The Committee suggest to intending benefactors that in drafting wills particular care be taken to give the title of the Institution accurately, as legacies have been known to be lost owing to a misdescription. A proper form of bequest is always affixed to the Annual Reports.

Ladies'
Associations

The ladies connected with the several Ladies' Associations have continued to render valuable assistance, and their efforts are deserving of the warmest recognition. Their collections are chiefly made up of small contributions, which are often discontinued during periods of local depression, and adverse conditions have this year in several districts been responsible for decreases. In Cheshire, the deficiency is wholly due to the discontinuance of donations, annual subscriptions showing a substantial increase. Notwithstanding these temporary difficulties, the Cumberland, Bradford, Westmorland, Huddersfield and Leeds Associations have maintained their ground, and the improvement in the returns from Southport is noted with gratification. A meeting held at Stockport in February resulted in the formation of a local Ladies' Association, with Mrs. Moorhouse as President, Mrs. Hollins as Treasurer and Miss Read as Hon. Secretary. Encouraging meetings have also been held at Southport, Huddersfield and elsewhere. Mrs. Arthur Duncan has become associated with Mrs. McEwan in the Hon. Secretaryship of the Bradford Association; other changes include the resignation of Mrs. Bridgen (Hon. Secretary of the Manchester and Salford District Association) and Miss Molesworth (Hon. Secretary of the Liverpool Association). Impaired health has compelled Mrs. Bridgen to relinquish the duties which she has so zealously performed for eighteen years, and Miss Molesworth has left the district. Mr. John Whitley (Chairman of the Halifax Committee) no longer feels equal to the strain entailed by the collection hitherto made by him in connection with the Halifax Association, but he has secured an efficient successor in Mr. S. Mortimer. To these and other retiring helpers the Committee tender cordial thanks. Miss Rayner has again been exception-



The Right Hon.
SIR JOHN TOMLINSON HIBBERT, K.C.B.,
Chairman of the Central Committee,
1890-1908.

DIED NOVEMBER 7th, 1908.



Sir EDWARD LAWRENCE, Knt., LL.D.,
Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee,
1877-1909.

DIED MAY 31st, 1909.

ally successful in the Brighouse district, her collection of £101 5s. 6d. being mainly made up of small amounts, and congratulations are also due to Lady Priestley (Bradford), Mrs. E. J. Crossley (Hebden Bridge), Mrs. John Powell (Crewe), and to other ladies who have obtained large amounts. The value of the assistance rendered by the various Ladies' Associations will be appreciated when it is stated that since the year 1875 they have collected over £73,600 in aid of the Institution. Appended are details of the collection for the past year :

	Annual			Donations.			Total.		
	Subscriptions.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
MANCHESTER DISTRICT :									
Manchester.....	241	14	6	16	16	0	258	10	6
" (Rochdale Branch).....	70	17	0	0	5	0	71	2	0
" (Bolton Branch) ...	65	8	6	2	1	6	67	10	0
" (Bury Branch)	60	10	6	0	10	6	61	1	0
" (Burnley Branch)...	35	1	3	0	18	9	36	0	0
" (Wigan Branch) ...	26	13	6	2	10	10	29	4	4
" (Oldham Branch)...	23	18	0	...	...	...	23	18	0
" (Ashton Branch) ...	7	17	6	0	5	0	8	2	6
" (Leigh Branch).....	7	12	6	...	...	...	7	12	6
	539	13	3	23	7	7	563	0	10
CHESHIRE	387	6	0	10	13	0	397	19	0
DURHAM.....	355	5	0	...	...	...	355	5	0
HALIFAX	342	10	11	1	3	6	343	14	5
CUMBERLAND	216	14	6	3	14	0	220	8	6
LIVERPOOL	162	9	6	10	18	6	173	8	0
BRADFORD	161	4	9	...	...	...	161	4	9
WESTMORLAND	154	3	0	0	17	6	155	0	6
HUDDERSFIELD	107	4	6	0	14	3	107	18	9
LEEDS.....	75	15	6	0	15	0	76	10	6
YORK.....	61	12	0	0	4	0	61	16	0
NORTHUMBERLAND.....	41	1	6	3	2	6	44	4	0
SOUTHPORT	29	1	6	6	4	0	35	5	6
OTHER PLACES	10	17	0	4	5	9	15	2	9
	£2644	18	11	65	19	7	2710	18	6

A special appeal for increased support from the Co-operative and Industrial Societies included within the associated area has recently been circulated, and the Committee trust that it may have a good effect, since the industrial classes benefit very materially from the relief afforded by the Institution. A list of contributions received from such organisations was given last year, and the Committee are glad to note its gradual extension. Several Boards of Guardians have also become subscribers,

Subscriptions
from
Co-operative
Societies, &c.

and their example is one which may well be followed by others, since many cases now admitted free by election would otherwise undoubtedly become chargeable to the rates.

**Benefit
Concerts.**

An excellent way of arousing interest in the welfare of the Institution and of augmenting its funds is the promotion of benefit concerts and entertainments similar to those so successfully organised at Newcastle-upon-Tyne by Mr. I. Watteu and Mr. W. G. Hirschmann, at Wortley by Mr. E. Bayfield and Mr. S. Burrell, and at Crewe by Mrs. John Powell. These entertainments have caused widespread local interest, and have resulted in considerable additions to the subscription list.

**Special
Contributions.**

Every year a number of Special Contributions are received which call for particular mention, and on the present occasion grateful reference is made to the following :

	£	s.	d.
The Misses Ashton, Liverpool	100	0	0
Mrs. Barrow, Waterloo, Liverpool	100	0	0
Proceeds of Concert at Wortley	25	1	1
Proceeds of Concert at Crewe	22	4	6
Rochdale Equitable Pioneers' Society, Limited	21	0	0
Proceeds of Entertainment at Newcastle-upon-			
Tyne	15	15	0
Rochdale Provident Co-operative Society	15	15	0
Mr. Frederic J. Harrison, Newcastle, Staffs.....	12	3	1
The Right Hon. Viscount Cross, G.C.B.,			
G.C.S.I.	10	10	0
Mr. Frank Calvert, Preston	10	0	0
Mrs. Rothwell, Bury (in lieu of further sub-			
scriptions).....	10	0	0
Huddersfield Board of Guardians	5	5	0
Rochdale Board of Guardians	5	5	0
Miss Margaret Wilson, Cockermouth (in			
memory of Mrs. Wilson, late of Fairfield,			
Lorton, Cockermouth)	5	5	0
Brighouse Friendly Societies and Trades			
Demonstration Committee	5	0	0
Proceeds of Jumble Sale at Beverley	3	0	0
Selby Board of Guardians	2	2	0
Messrs. Dicksons Limited, Royal Seed and			
Nursery Establishment, Chester, 3,000 Bulbs.			
Mr. Edward Storey, Lancaster, Rembrandt			
Intaglio Pictures.			
Mr. Jacob Wakefield, Kendal, Victoria Carriage.			
Miss Hays, Durham, Bath Chair.			
Mrs. Applegarth, Scorton, Rocking Horse.			
Mrs. John Powell, Crewe, Articles of Clothing.			
Mr. J. M. Wigley, Lancaster, 20 Books for			
Staff Library.			

The Commissioners in Lunacy paid their annual visit on the 17th of April, and subscribers will gather from the appended extracts that their report was very satisfactory :

Commissioners in Lunacy.

On visiting this Institution to-day it is pleasing to us to be in a position to report that the general high state of efficiency is still maintained throughout the establishment and its various dependencies.

The inmates were cheerful and happy in appearance, as well as being neatly and tidily dressed. Many were brought from their work to see us, others we saw busily engaged in the shops, and in all instances where we enquired we were told by them that they liked the place, had plenty to eat and were quite happy, and so far as we could judge we think such to be actually the case, in view of all the care and attention which is bestowed upon them.

A considerable amount of redecoration has been carried out since the Commissioners' last visit, the recommendations of the Factory Inspector have been carried out, some new washing-machines and a new hydro-extractor have been fitted up in the laundry, and an electric motor-driven hoist has been erected in the kitchen, in place of the hand-power arrangement which was formerly in use. This is a most ingenious contrivance, and is so arranged that it cannot be moved till the doors are closed, and if the doors are opened it becomes immovable at once. It should reduce the risk of accident to a minimum. The cricket ground for the attendants has now been laid out, and the lawn-tennis courts for the female staff have also been completed.

In the absence of Dr. Douglas we were accompanied during our inspection by Dr. Coupland, and it will be gathered from the foregoing report that we were much gratified with the manner in which the Hospital is being conducted and administered, and we consider that the Committee, the Medical Superintendent, and the staff generally, are to be congratulated on the manner in which this very useful work is being carried on.

Interest in the question of the proper treatment of the feeble-minded, and in the solution of the difficult problems to which its consideration gives rise, has been stimulated by the recent publication of two memorable reports dealing exhaustively with the whole subject. Although the recommendations which they contain have not escaped adverse criticism they will undoubtedly have an important bearing upon future legislation and will help to strengthen the hands of those who are grappling with

Royal Commission on the Feeble-minded.

the grave issues involved. The vital nature of these issues may be inferred from the following extracts from the report of the Royal Commission on the Feeble-minded :

We have found that, however it be dealt with, the problem of the care and control of the mentally-defective assumes a new aspect and larger proportions as it is more accurately and completely studied. All told, it would seem that the purview of a central body for the care and control of the mentally-defective would extend to 271,607 persons, or about '83 of the population.

Of the gravity of the present state of things there is no doubt. The mass of facts that we have collected, the statements of our witnesses and our own personal visits and investigations compel the conclusion that there are numbers of mentally-defective persons whose training is neglected, over whom no sufficient control is exercised, and whose wayward and irresponsible lives are productive of crime and misery, of much injury and mischief to themselves and to others, and of much continuous expenditure wasteful to the community and to individual families.

We find at large in the population many mentally-defective persons, adults, young persons and children, who are, some in one way, some in another, incapable of self-control, and who are therefore exposed to constant moral danger themselves and become the source of lasting injury to the community.

Our general conclusion is that we are dealing with conditions chiefly inherited, and subject, therefore, to amelioration only to the extent to which the mental and physical force available in the individual approaches to the normal. But this conclusion does not preclude a considerable advance in knowledge and self-command among the higher grades of the defective—so far at least that they may be trained so as to contribute materially to their self-support.

Royal
Commission
on the
Poor Laws.

The report of the Royal Commission on the Poor Laws is of equal interest and importance. One of its recommendations is that the feeble-minded and epileptic be provided for in special Institutions.

Official
Testimony.

The Royal Albert Asylum was twice visited by deputations from the Royal Commission on the Feeble-minded, these visitors including the Chairman, the Earl of Radnor, and it is gratifying to find them placing on record

in their report the following testimony to the value of the work done by such Institutions :

It is admitted generally that voluntary Institutions are economically managed, and that it is of great service to have at the disposal of the authorities and the community that personal work, endeavour and influence which are characteristic of them.

The Committee cannot but regard such an expression of opinion as most encouraging, particularly when it is found that in many respects the Institution already fulfils the ideal requirements of the Commissioners.

While gratefully acknowledging the generous support which has hitherto been received, the Committee feel that the record of successful work contained in the report now submitted for the approval of subscribers justifies their renewed appeal for further income, an appeal which they trust may receive the sympathetic consideration of all who desire to support and extend the benevolent operations of the Institution. Conclusion.

LATHOM,

CHAIRMAN.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S GENERAL REPORT.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the General Annual Report of the Medical Superintendent for the year ending June 30th, 1909.

The numerical changes which have occurred among the patients during that time are as follow :

Table of
Admissions,
Discharges,
and
Deaths.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In the Asylum, June 30th, 1908	430	230	660
Admitted	23	42	65
Discharged... ..	17	17	34
Died	5	8	13
Aggregate number under treatment...	453	272	725
Average	425	236	661
Maximum number resident on any one day	434	248	682
In the Asylum, June 30th, 1909	431	247	678

Admissions.

The cases admitted during the year have shown a slight improvement with regard to mental grade and physical condition, but the majority have not been of a type which has been responsive to care and training, and have also been physically feeble. The reason for this is again the fact that the better types, both physically and mentally, have been sent to the special schools established by local education authorities.

Of the patients admitted, 24 were elected by votes of the subscribers, 24 were maintained in the Institution by the respective Unions, 14 were reduced-payment cases, and 3 full payment cases.



WHITSUNTIDE FESTIVITY GROUP.



MAIN ENTRANCE LODGE.



THE FARM HOUSE.



THE FARM BUILDINGS AND THE INSTITUTION.

34 patients have been discharged during the year ending June 30th, 1909, and the following table shows the degree of improvement obtained : Discharges.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Much improved	5	8	13
Moderately improved	5	5	10
Slightly improved	5	4	9
Not improved	2	0	2

It is gratifying to note that such a satisfactory number of cases have been improved by education and training. Practically no patients leave the Institution absolutely unimproved. Improvement.

We continue to be visited by ex-patients, all of whom are able to give a very satisfactory account of themselves, and many of them are earning a satisfactory weekly wage. Nearly all of these, however, possess some relative or friend who exercises over them firm and sympathetic supervision.

It will be noticed that the death rate has been considerably less during the period covered by this Report than last year. Five boys and eight girls have died, one of them when away from the Asylum on holiday, representing a percentage of 1.96 on the average number resident, and of 1.79 on the aggregate number under care. The subjoined table shows the causes of death and the number under each heading : Deaths.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Tuberculosis	1	0	1
Acute Phthisis	0	2	2
Pneumonia	1	2	3
Acute Cardiac Failure	0	1	1
Congenital Heart Disease ...	1	0	1
Chronic Meningitis	0	1	1
Epilepsy	1	1	2
Chronic Hemiplegia... ..	1	0	1
Acute Gangrene... ..	0	1	1
	—	—	—
	5	8	13

**Infectious
Disease.**

During the year, the Institution has been visited by infectious disease, 45 patients being attacked by measles, 33 by mumps, and 16 by varicella. It is satisfactory to report that all the cases made good recoveries. Much anxious consideration has been given to the precautions to be taken of safeguarding the Institution from infectious disorders. Apart from their evil effect on the general health of the establishment, they cause more or less dislocation of the routine work, and also increase the expenditure. I consider that the unnecessarily frequent visits paid by relatives to patients is to be deprecated owing to the predisposition of our inmates to contract zymotic diseases. Then again, we have abundant evidence that on several occasions infectious disease has been introduced into the Asylum by patients on their return from a holiday spent at home. The Central Committee decided, on account of the local and general prevalence of scarlet fever, to close the Asylum to visitors, and to suspend the patients' holidays. I would therefore respectfully suggest the advisability of reducing the number of visiting days to one per week and of discontinuing the annual leave. Speaking generally, the present annual holiday, instead of being advantageous, is positively detrimental in its effects. In the majority of instances, those inmates who go home for the month's leave return to us deteriorated, not only mentally, but also physically.

Ashton Wing.

It is again my duty to acknowledge the great value of the special accommodation afforded by the Ashton Wing. The resources of the Rodgett Infirmary have once more been severely taxed. The increased number of feeble and delicate patients now being admitted to the Institution urgently calls for increased hospital accommodation. Already in times of stress, the wards have been overcrowded, and this has had an unfavourable effect on the treatment. I would very respectfully recommend the erection of an inexpensive building in an unfrequented part of the grounds for quarantine purposes, as at present the isolation of infectious cases is attended by much inconvenience.

**Reception
House.**

The Diggins Reception House has been found most useful for the preliminary isolation of newly admitted patients, and the Storey Home has completed another year of most important work.

The Farm continues to be efficiently managed, and the condition of the stock and crops has been in every way satisfactory. The dairy herd is periodically subjected to veterinary inspection, and every precaution taken to secure immunity from disease amongst the cows. Produce has been supplied to the value of £4,121 3s. 6d., as follows: 4,099 lbs. of beef, 13,710 lbs. of mutton, 436 lbs. of lamb, 24,962 lbs. of pork, 1,011 lbs. of veal, 181 fowls, 46,356 gallons of milk, 6,332 stones of potatoes, 504 stones of turnips, and 17,927 eggs.

Farm.

Vegetables to the value of £235 13s. 3d. have been furnished by the Gardens at the Asylum and Brunton House, and a large number of the Boys continue to be profitably employed in the Grounds and on the Farm.

Gardens.

With respect to the remodelling of the Schools on the basis indicated last year, I am glad to report that the new scheme has left nothing to be desired. Attention has been particularly concentrated on reading, writing, and elementary arithmetic, careful selection having been made in the composition of the different classes. A larger number of classes, with fewer children in each, have been arranged, thus enabling the teachers to devote more individual attention to their pupils. The half-time system is now the rule amongst the younger patients, and consists in one half of the day being spent in attendance at School, and the other half in the Workshops. Our Industrial system has been completely revised. In addition to the manual training in the Workshops themselves, I have arranged for elementary basket-making, tailoring, and shoe-making to be carried on in the Boys' School. The younger lads thus get a better chance of learning the elements of these trades, as the classes are small ones, and the teachers therefore able to give much more individual attention to the boys than would be possible in the Workshops, where the number of patients is much larger.

Schools.

The administration of the Institution has been conducted satisfactorily, and the work of all its different departments has been efficiently carried on. It is again my duty to gratefully acknowledge the kind assistance and advice of Mr. Edward Storey, the senior Vice-Chairman of the House Committee, who continues to take, as he has for many years past, a deep interest in the welfare of the Institution and the patients.

Administra-
tion.

Acknowledgments.

To the Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Dr. W. H. Coupland, I offer my cordial thanks for his loyal co-operation and valuable assistance during the year, and also beg to record my appreciation of the services of Dr. D. W. Hunter, the Junior Assistant Medical Officer.

Obituary.

I would like to associate myself with the Central Committee's expression of regret at the deaths of the Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B., and Sir Edward Lawrence, from whom I have received much support and consideration.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, I would respectfully tender my best thanks to the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Chairman, Lord Richard Cavendish, Deputy-Chairman, and the members of the Central Committee for the kindness and courtesy which I have always experienced from them.

I have the honour to be,

My Lords and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARCHIBALD R. DOUGLAS,

Medical Superintendent.



THE ASHTON WING.



THE RODGETT INFIRMARY.



THE STOREY HOME.



THE HERBERT STOREY INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS AND WORKSHOPS

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LANCASTER, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 1909.

I have the honour to report that I have examined the Books of Account of the Royal Albert Asylum for the twelve months ending 30th June, 1909. Vouchers for all payments have been exhibited to me, and I certify that all my requirements as Auditor have been complied with. I further certify that the accompanying Annual Statements of Account are, in my opinion, properly drawn up, so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the receipts and payments for the year. The Books have been kept with neatness and accuracy.

In company with the Honorary Auditor, Mr. James Heald, I have examined the Deeds and Certificates representing the Sustentation Fund Investments, and have found them in proper order.

A. B. S. WELCH,
AUDITOR.

MAINTENANCE

Dr.

From July 1st, 1908,

		Receipts.					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, July 1st, 1908	...				943	5	10
„ Donations	...	369	12	0			
„ Annual Subscriptions	...	4,103	15	9			
„ Payments for Patients	...	13,418	12	8			
„ Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments	6,363 6 8						
(Including £12 10s. 4d., "Income from Joseph Nutter's Gift.")							
Less Sinking Fund	...	50	0	0			
„ Bank Interest	...	6,313	6	8			
„ Rent	...	39	14	7			
„ Sundries	...	236	15	6			
		147	16	1			
					24,629	13	3
„ Farm Produce	{ Supplied to the Asylum... £4,121 3 6						
	{ Sold 221 10 4						
		4,342	13	10			
Less General Farm Expenses and cost of Stock, Provender, &c.	...	3,790	4	0			
					552	9	1

£26,125 8 11

Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—7th September, 1909.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.
 JAMES HEALD, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1909.

Cr.

Expenditure.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Expenses of General Annual Meeting and Quinquennial Festival at Lancaster, Meeting at Kendal, and of Local Committees		283	3	5			
„ Expenses of Election at Kendal		38	8	6			
„ Printing 5,000 Forty-fourth Annual Report, Reports of Meetings, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account, Subscription Lists, and General Printing and Stationery		269	2	11			
„ General Advertising		25	6	8			
„ Postage of Letters, Annual Reports, Subscription Lists, Voting Papers, Appeals, Pamphlets, &c.		109	9	0			
„ Offices (Lancaster, Manchester and Liverpool); Rent, Rates, Telegrams, Carriage, and Petty Cash Sundries		103	13	6			
					829	4	0
„ Salaries, Wages, and Travelling Expenses	{ Office £1,038 18s. 5d. Asylum £8,318 3s. 7d. }	9,357	2	0			
„ Provisions ... { Purchased £2,831 13s. 6d. From Farm £4,121 3s. 6d. From Garden £235 13s. 3d. }		7,188	10	3			
„ Necessaries: Coals		1,998	15	1			
Gas		171	14	6			
Water... ..		451	5	0			
General		369	11	0			
„ Clothing		1,557	5	1			
„ Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c.		185	14	5			
„ Asylum Printing and Stationery		74	19	3			
„ Asylum Postage		24	2	2			
„ Insurance		135	9	0			
„ Maintenance Sundries		511	9	7			
„ Workshops and Repairs... ..		1,036	14	1			
„ Building Sundries		29	4	0			
„ Furniture: General		183	7	11			
Ironmongery		68	8	9			
Bedding... ..		249	14	4			
House Linen		43	8	2			
Crockery and Sundries		46	3	3			
					23,682	17	10
„ Property Expenses					143	12	2
„ Bank Commission, &c.					18	14	7
„ Grounds and Garden Expenses	£467 16 7						
Less value of Produce supplied to the Asylum	235 13 3						
					232	3	4
„ Balance at Bank, June 30th, 1909... ..					1,218	17	0

£26,125 8 11

ESTATE AND BUILDINGS

Dr.

From July 1st, 1908,

Receipts.		£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, July 1st, 1908	... ..	2,412	16	2
„ Bank Interest	... ..	49	16	11

Audited and found correct.—7th September, 1909.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

JAMES HEALD, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

£2,462 13 1

SUSTENTATION FUND

Dr.

From July 1st, 1908,

Receipts.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, July 1st, 1908	... ..				164	14	9
„ Legacies	... ..	2,650	0	0			
„ Life Interest Payment (Instalment)	... ..	16	13	4			
„ £2,250 Furness Railway Guaranteed 4 per cent. Stock, sold	... ..	2,244	6	6	2,666	13	4
„ £3,450 Furness Railway Preference 4 per cent. Stock, sold...	... ..	3,217	9	6			
„ £183 Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Ordinary Stock sold...	... ..	166	11	2	5,461	16	0
Balance of cost per Sinking Fund	... ..	25	11	10			
„ Balance due to Bank, June 30th, 1909	... ..				192	3	0
					278	14	11

Audited and found correct.—7th September, 1909.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

JAMES HEALD, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

£8,764 2 0

IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1909.

Cr.

Expenditure.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By New Dairy		299 14 0	
„ Electric Lighting of Farm House and Farm Buildings ...		173 11 9	
„ Piping-in Beck		143 0 0	
„ Farm Drainage		42 8 0	
„ Heating Apparatus at Farm House		18 10 4	
„ Alteration of Barn		10 3 0	
		<hr/>	687 7 1
„ Electrification of Kitchen Hoist		114 0 0	
„ Additional Laundry Machinery		84 13 0	
		<hr/>	198 13 0
„ Bank Commission			1 14 6
Balance at Bank, June 30th, 1909			1,574 18 6
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			£2,462 13 1
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ANNUAL ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1909.

Cr.

Expenditure.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Investments :			
£10,000 New South Wales Governmen 3 per cent. Inscribed Stock, 1935			8,764 2 0
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			£8,764 2 0
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SINKING FUND

Dr.

From July 1st, 1908,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, July 1st, 1908	50	1	2
„ Proportion of Interest on Redeemable Colonial Government Stocks	50	0	0
„ Bank Interest	0	16	0
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	£100 17 2		
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Audited and found correct.—7th September, 1909.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

JAMES HEALD, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1909.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Sustentation Fund: Balance of £192 3s. 0d., cost of £185			
Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Ordinary Stock sold	25	11	10
,, Balance at Bank, June 30th, 1909... ..	75	5	4

£100 17 2

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ON MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.	1907—08.		1908—09.		1907—08.		1908—09.		Increase. £ s. d.	Decrease. £ s. d.
	Average No. of Patients 647.		Average No. of Patients 661.		Average No. of Patients 647.		Average No. of Patients 661.			
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.		
Donations	883	13 9	369	12 0						
Legacies under Fifty Guineas ..	70	11 3	4103	15 9						
Annual Subscriptions	4190	19 4	13418	12 8	235	3 6	283	3 5	47	19 11
Payments for Patients	13416	4 8			42	0 2	38	8 6		
Interest on Sustentation Fund										3 11 8
Investments	6286	12 8	6313	6 8	231	16 10	269	2 11	37	6 1
Interest on Bank Deposits	139	11 2	39	14 7	37	5 1	25	6 8		
Rent	236	8 6	236	15 6	103	7 2	1 9	9 0	6	1 10
Sundries	136	1 4	147	16 1						
Farm (Value of Produce, less General Farm Expenses and cost of Stock, Provender, &c.)	7	6 0	552	9 10	104	17 11	103	13 6		1 4 5
Expenses of General Annual Meeting, of Quinquennial Festival (1908-09), of Public Meetings, and of Local Committees					9136	9 4	9357	2 0	220	12 8
Election Expenses					6818	11 4	7188	10 3	369	18 11
Printing Annual Reports, Reports of Meetings, Election Returns, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account, Subscription Lists, & General Printing & Stationery					2158	6 6	1998	15 1		
General Advertising					170	9 6	171	14 6	1	5 0
General Postage					405	1 8	451	5 0	46	3 4
Offices (Lancaster, Manchester, and Liverpool); Rent, and Petty Cash Sundries					343	11 3	369	11 0	25	19 9
Salaries, Wages, and Travelling Expenses					1318	4 6	1557	5 1	239	0 7
Provisions					195	3 5	185	14 5		
NECESSARIES:—					150	19 0	135	9 0		
Gas					778	2 7	610	11 0		
Water					887	0 3	1036	14 1	149	13 10
General					301	2 3	183	7 11		
Clothing					58	10 0	68	8 9	9	18 9
Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c. . .					344	1 0	249	14 4		
Insurance					59	7 7	43	8 2		
Sundries					65	8 7	46	3 3		
Workshops and Repairs					68	19 10	143	12 2	74	12 4
Building Sundries					23	2 11	18	14 7		
FURNITURE:—					261	12 6	232	3 4		
General					1000	0 0				
Ironmongery					25482	7 1	24906	11 11	1228	13 0
Bedding					943	5 10	1218	17 0		
House Linen					26425	12 11	26125	8 11		
Crockery & Sundries										
Property Expenses										
Bank Commission, &c.										
Grounds and Garden Expenses, less value of Produce										
Estate and Buildings Improvement Account										
NET DECREASE ... £575 15s. 2d.										
Balance at end of year										

Examined and certified to be correct.—7th September, 1909.
A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

SUMMARY OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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

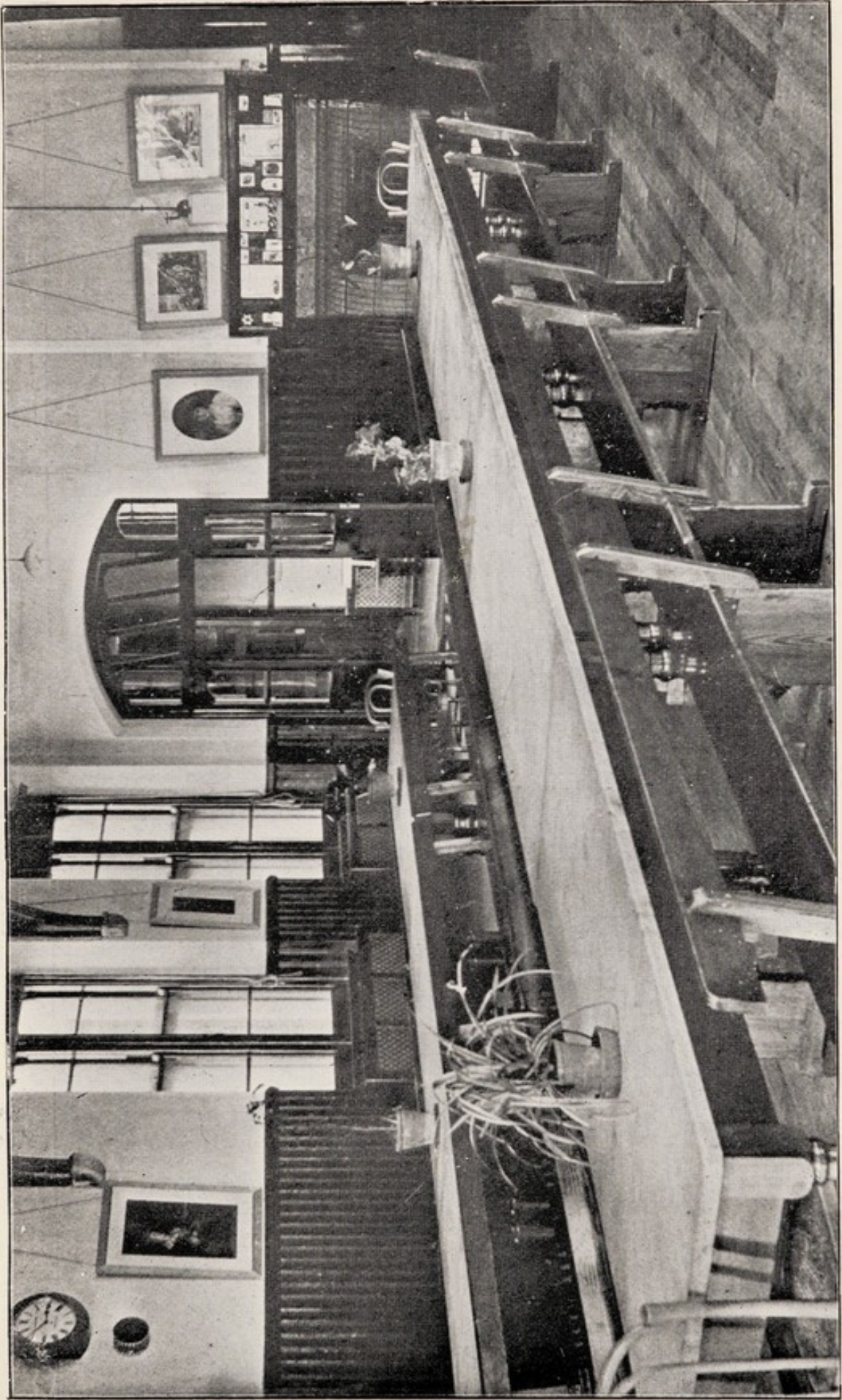
FROM DISTRICTS WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD.	Donations.			Annual Subscriptions.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
LANCASTER (1)	37174	9	8	238	19	6
LIVERPOOL (2)	12271	13	4	322	12	0
MANCHESTER (3)	11549	16	3	453	16	0
BRADFORD (4)	10558	9	8	241	5	3
PRESTON (5)	9325	2	8	37	5	6
ROCHDALE (6)	8385	6	4	140	3	6
WESTMORLAND (7)	6653	10	4	187	15	0
HALIFAX (8)	6235	2	0	369	6	5
CUMBERLAND (CARLISLE, &c.) (9)	5762	3	8	263	13	0
LEEDS (10)	5770	18	6	153	13	0
CHESHIRE (11)	5676	14	2	430	5	0
SHEFFIELD (12)	3562	12	1	76	15	6
OLDHAM (13)	3313	17	6	35	9	0
YORK (14)	2911	17	4	66	17	0
DURHAM (COUNTY)	2797	16	8	377	16	6
NORTH LONSDALE (ULVERSTON, BARROW, &c.) ...	2659	12	8	28	3	4
BURY (15)	2146	10	0	61	11	6
BOLTON (16)	2058	16	10	101	19	6
BLACKBURN (17)	1843	15	0	13	2	6
HUDDERSFIELD	1681	0	11	149	10	0
NORTHUMBERLAND	1571	1	6	136	3	0
SETTLE	1477	12	11	9	7	0
SKIPTON	1289	0	5	3	3	0
BURNLEY	1164	14	4	38	4	3
SOUTHPORT	1155	9	0	39	0	6
WAKEFIELD (18)	993	14	7	7	17	6
KEIGHLEY	925	6	0	6	6	0
WARRINGTON	765	2	6	7	7	0
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	673	2	0	8	18	6
WIGAN	535	8	4	39	5	6
ROTHERHAM	387	8	6	2	2	0
SCARBOROUGH	366	14	10	2	12	6
ST. HELENS	295	12	6	2	2	0
HULL	278	6	8	9	18	6
DONCASTER	184	4	9	19	18	0

June 30th, 1909.

SAMUEL KEIR, SECRETARY.

- (1) The Lancaster Donations include £15,000 from the Right Hon. Lord Ashton; £2050 from the late Mr. James Brunton, and £500 from the late Miss Brunton; £1000 from the Lancaster Banking Company; £1800 from Messrs. Storey Bros. and Co., who also contribute a Special Annual Subscription of £52 10s.; £1050 from H. L. Storey, Esq; £525 from Mrs. E. Howard Dawson (now Mrs. Hayes); and £500 from Edward Storey, Esq. In addition to the Storey donations, the late Sir Thomas Storey presented to the Institution the Storey Home for Feeble-minded Girls, and Mr. H. L. Storey contributed £5,250 for the erection of the Herbert Storey Industrial Schools and Workshops,

- (2) The Liverpool Donations include £1500 from the late Mrs. Chas. Turner, who also bequeathed a legacy of £2000.
- (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.; and £650 from Joseph Craven, Esq.
- (5) The Preston Donations include £5000 from the late E. Rodgett, Esq.; £677 10s. from the late Richard Newsham, Esq., who also bequeathed a legacy of £1000; and £542 from the late G. Buckston Browne, Esq.
- (6) The Rochdale Donations include £1000 from the Executors of the late James Holden, Esq.; £625 from the late Richard Hurst, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, Esq.; £525 from the late Henry Kelsall, junr., Esq.; £500 from the late John Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; £500 from the late Joshua Fielden, Esq., Todmorden; and £500 from the late Samuel Fielden, Esq., Todmorden, who also bequeathed a legacy of £2000.
- (7) The Westmorland Donations include £1000 from the late Mrs. Bindloss, who also bequeathed a legacy of £900; £675 from the late W. H. Wakefield, Esq.; £400 from the late John Wakefield, Esq.; £500 from the Executors of the late F. A. Argles, Esq.; and £560 10s. from the late Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (8) The Halifax Donations include £630 from the late Joshua Appleyard, Esq.; £768 5s. from the late Hanson Ormerod, Esq.; and £630 from the late G. Buckston Browne, Esq.
- (9) The Cumberland Donations include £525 from the late Thomas Ainsworth, Esq., Cleator; and £500 from the Right Hon. Lord Muncaster.
- (10) The Leeds Donations include £1105 from Messrs. Joshua Tetley and Son; £700 from the late Sir Andrew Fairbairn, Kut.; £525 from the late Arthur Lupton, Esq., and the late Mrs. Arthur Lupton; and £500 from the late Miss Dawson, of Bramhope Manor, Otley.
- (11) The Cheshire Donations include £500 from the late Duke of Westminster, K G.; and £500 from the late Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton.
- (12) The Sheffield Donations include £525 from Sir F. T. Mappin, Bart., M.P.; and an Annual Subscription of £50 from the Sheffield Town Trustees.
- (13) The Oldham Donations include £631 5s. from the late Asa Lees, Esq., who also bequeathed a legacy of £10,000; £500 from the late Eli Lees, Esq.; and £500 from the late Charles Edward Lees, Esq.
- (14) The York Donations include £1000 from "A Friend," per the late Wm. Gray, Esq.
- (15) The Bury Donations include £1,050 from the late Miss Openshaw for the "John Openshaw of Irwell Bed," in memory of her father, the late John Openshaw, Esq., and £50 in memory of her friend, the late Dr. de Vitre.
- (16) The Bolton Donations include £500, "In Memory of the late Wm. Hampson, Esq."
- (17) The Blackburn Donations include £775 from the late Wm. Tattersall, Esq.
- (18) The Wakefield Donations include £520 from the late Daniel Gaskell, Esq.



DAY-ROOM IN THE ASHTON WING.



STOREY HOME DINING-ROOM.

CASES OF IMPROVEMENT,

ILLUSTRATIVE OF REPORT,

JUNE 30TH, 1909.

BOYS.

N. (2325.) When admitted in April, 1902, at the age of ten, knew a few letters, made attempts to write easy letters and words on slate, counted up to six.

Can now read fairly well, write nicely, work sums in simple rules draw fairly well, tell time correctly, tell all coins and weights and recognise most sensations of taste, smell and touch. He has improved in general intelligence and is learning tailoring.

J. (2380.) When admitted in July, 1903, at the age of eight, knew a few letters, wrote a few easy letters from copy, counted a little.

Can now read well, write fairly well, do dictation, letter writing and composition, work sums in compound rules, tell time correctly, tell all coins and weights and calculate fairly in shop lesson. He has much improved in general knowledge, is much more tidy in his work and is learning shoemaking.

B. (2443.) When admitted in October, 1903, at the age of twelve, read easy words, wrote fairly, counted a little, knew a few coins and a few hours on the clock.

Can now read well a class reader, write well, do dictation and composition, work sums in compound rules, draw well, recognise most sensations in sense lesson, tell all coins and weights and calculate fairly in shop lesson, and answer intelligently in object and other lessons. He has improved in general intelligence, is a useful messenger and is doing well in elementary wood-work.

B. (2489.) When admitted in October, 1904, at the age of sixteen read easy words, made a fair attempt at writing, could add a few unit figures, knew a few coins.

Can now read intelligently, write well, do dictation, composition and letter writing, work sums in compound rules, draw well, drill fairly well, tell time correctly, tell all coins and weights and calculate fairly in shop lesson, and takes an intelligent interest in object and other lessons. He is a very intelligent lad and is doing well in woodcarving and elementary joinery.

H. (2505.) When admitted in October, 1904, at the age of fourteen, read easy words, wrote fairly and could add unit figures.

Can now read with intelligence a class reader, work sums in compound rules, write well, do dictation, composition and a letter, draw well, recognise most sensations of taste, smell and touch, tell all coins and weights and calculate fairly well in shop lesson, tell time correctly and drill well. He is an intelligent lad and is doing well as a basketmaker.

GIRLS.

M. (2083.) When admitted in April, 1899, at the age of ten, knew one or two letters, counted a little, attempted to make a few letters on a slate and knew a few colours.

Can now read fairly, do dictation, write a simple letter, do easy multiplication sums, knit stockings, do needlework, knows all colours, can tell the time to a quarter of an hour, knows all coins and weights, answers well in object lessons and is good at domestic work.

A. (2472.) When admitted in November, 1904, at the age of fourteen, knew a few letters, could make a few letters on a slate, count a little, and hem, but could not knit.

Can now read an easy reader, write fairly well and do dictation, can do addition sums, knows all colours, coins and weights, knits stockings, sews well and is good at domestic work.

J. (2679.) When admitted in November, 1906, at the age of sixteen, knew all letters, could write fairly from a copy and add units.

Can now read an easy reader, do dictation, write a letter, knows all coins and weights, can do addition and subtraction of hundreds and sew a little. Cannot do domestic work because she has paralysis of one hand.

JUNIOR BOY.

B. (2537.) When admitted in May, 1905, at the age of eight, knew a few letters, could make a few letters on a slate and count a little.

Can now read an easy reader, do dictation, write a simple letter, knows most coins and can do addition of hundreds.

STATISTICS AS TO PATIENTS.

CONDITION OF PATIENTS discharged during year.

		Males.	Females.	Total.	
"Relieved"	{	Much improved	5	8	13
		Moderately improved	5	5	10
		Slightly improved	5	4	9
		Not improved	2	0	2
		17	17	34	

ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES AND DEATHS, from December 14th, 1870,
to June 30th, 1909.

Total Number of Admissions	2937
Total Number of Discharges	1700
Total Number of Deaths	559
In Institution on June 30th, 1909	678
	2937

RESULTS OF TRAINING of all Discharged Patients.

Much Improved	466 or 27.41 per cent.
Moderately Improved	570 or 33.53 "
Slightly Improved	400 or 23.53 "
	1436 or 84.47 "
Not Improved	264 or 15.53 "
Total	1700 or 100.00 "

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 Annual Report.

AGES.	NO. OF EACH AGE RESIDENT.			NO. OF EACH AGE DECEASED.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
From 5 to 10 years ...	35	31	66	0	1	1
10 " 15 " ...	116	66	182	0	4	4
15 " 20 " ...	144	74	218	2	2	4
20 and upwards ...	158	101	259	3	1	4
	453	272	725	5	8	13

A. R. DOUGLAS,
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

EXTRACTS FROM SPEECHES.

Sir JAMES CRICHTON-BROWNE, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S.

(LORD CHANCELLOR'S VISITOR IN LUNACY),

*At the Quinquennial Festival held at the Institution
on September 30th, 1908.*

I am glad to have an opportunity of expressing to-day the interest I have long felt in the Royal Albert Asylum. Forty-two years ago, just two years after this Institution had been established, the late Dr. De Vitre and the late Mr. Diggins paid me a visit at the West Riding Asylum at Wakefield, of which I was then the medical director, to acquaint themselves with what we were there doing for the feeble-minded, and to consult with me on some questions of construction, administration and furnishing. My sympathies were warmly enlisted in the benevolent project they had so much at heart, and ever since then I have, at first professionally, and latterly officially, maintained my knowledge of the Royal Albert Asylum, with an ever-increasing appreciation of the benefit it confers. The Royal Albert Asylum does not claim to have been the first idiot school in the country, and yet, if I am not mistaken, Lancaster was a pioneer in the modern movement for the improved treatment and training of the weak-minded. The great Lord Shaftesbury told me that when he visited the old Lancaster Asylum on the Moor, somewhere, I suppose, about 1846, he found that all the idiot children there had been collected into one ward, which had been made as homely as possible for their reception, and that the most kind and motherly women had been selected from among the lunatics, and each one put in charge, *in loco parentis*, of a particular idiot child, while efforts were made to teach those idiot children object lessons and hymns. The result of it was, Lord Shaftesbury said, that the idiot children were made happier and were improved in their habits and intelligence, while several confirmed lunatic women recovered under this appeal to their motherly instincts. That was a crude and primitive experiment, but it was the germ of

much that we see now, for it emanated out of affectionate sympathy with those most afflicted of God's creatures, bereft of the full light of reason, who make special claims on our commiseration and aid. I cannot conceive of any one with a human heart looking on a group of idiot children without being touched by a feeling of their infirmity; and I would recall, in illustration of this, that one of Lancaster's most distinguished living sons, Sir William Turner, Principal of the University of Edinburgh, was quite overcome when, on showing him round the West Riding Asylum, I brought him to a ward in which a large number of idiot children were assembled. They were tranquil and happy, surrounded by every comfort and even luxury; but the sight of them, and the thought of them, was too much for Sir William. The tears came into his eyes, and he said "I cannot go any further." This hardened anatomist, who had lived for years in the dissecting room, was thus moved when brought into the presence of those blighted and blemished lives. But while the first glimpse of this strangely-visited people may be distressing to the imaginative mind, a further acquaintance with them is comforting and reassuring, and I defy any one to go round the Royal Albert Asylum without a sense of profound thankfulness that such great and successful efforts are being made to alleviate their condition and brighten their lives. It is an Institution that as a nursery for infants of a larger growth, as a shelter for the helpless and wayward, as a school for the educable, and as an industrial colony for those capable of contributing to their own support, is doing admirable work. It is worthy of the name it bears—the Royal Albert—and is a credit to the North of England; and although there is danger in these days that the springs of charity may run dry owing to the ever-increasing demands of taxation, there will, I hope, be always ample funds forthcoming for this beneficent object. We have had presented to us lately an elaborate Report by the Royal Commission on the Feeble-minded, which by its very bulk and the multiplicity of its recommendations is calculated to create the impression that there is something seriously wrong in this country, that we have fallen lamentably behind in this matter, and that a revolution is necessary to bring us abreast of the age. Nothing of the kind! In all that concerns the care and welfare and education of the feeble-minded we have been leaders and sound guides. It is not patriotic partiality or insular vanity, but a careful study of the subject, that leads me to say that other countries have more to learn from us than we have to learn from them. Of course there is no finality in the treatment of mental defect and disease, for science and our knowledge of the brain and nervous system are always advancing. No doubt we may derive many useful hints from foreign countries—and especially from that great, mobile and highly-inventive Republic beyond the Atlantic—but I hope we shall not see here mammoth schools and colonies like those in America, in which all individuality must be lost; and I hope we shall not see what is there called the "intensive system of education," which sounds very like the over-pressure of idiots, and consists of pushing them on, lest their parents should take them away from the school before substantial progress has been made. Lame brains should never be hurried. It is not so much in relation to our existing institutions for the feeble-minded in this country, as in relation to the feeble-minded who remain outside them, the minor defectives, who have been brought to light in great numbers

by our system of elementary education, that extended provision is required and must be made. Even they, however, have not been altogether overlooked, and we have in the special schools for defectives that have been established in some of our large towns some means for their education. Much, however, remains to be done in the provision of permanent homes and industrial colonies and schools to meet their requirements, and to prevent them from propagating their kind, for of the hereditary nature of some of these slighter forms of mental defect and imbecility there can be no doubt. Like everything else, feeble-mindedness has its antecedents, although these are sometimes hidden and obscure. To talk of it as "a reversion to a more primitive type of brain," is misleading, and the comparisons which have often been drawn between idiots and the lower animals are fantastical and untenable. The brain of the idiot, and I have examined hundreds of them, is never truly comparable with any animal brain. It is an aborted, a degenerated or a diseased human brain, but still a human brain, and the scientific way to regard idiocy, imbecility and all degrees of feeble-mindedness is as arrested development due to inheritance or to adverse conditions of environment before or after birth. Feeble-mindedness is not a distinct entity, but a series of gradations up to the man or woman who falls just slightly short of the normal standard of intelligence. You may gild, as Tennyson says, but you cannot expand the narrow forehead of the fool, where the folly is due to congenital malformation, but you can stimulate, train and discipline the merely backward brain until it is able to take its place in the rank and file of commonplace brains. I feel bound to say that I think the Royal Commission on the Feeble-minded has been somewhat scant in its recognition of the work done by our Institutions for the training of the weak-minded in this country. There is no word of praise for them, and yet they have, without state aid, simply by voluntary effort, done wonderful things. Perhaps they have not accomplished all that was expected of them when they were first started, for there were then exaggerated notions as to what education could do for the dwarfed or deformed brain, but considering the nature of the material supplied to them they have worked wonders. They have not manufactured all their inmates into average men and women, but they have converted to usefulness much waste human material. They have substituted health and vigour for languor and debility. They have infused brightness and happiness into many darkened and peevish lives, and they have eased for a time many poor homes of their grievous burdens. Out of 367 patients discharged from the Institution during a period of twelve years, 9 per cent. were earning wages, and 33.5 per cent. were living at home with parents or relations, in most cases making themselves very useful, while 40 per cent. had gravitated into workhouses or lunatic asylums. Considering the nature of the material received here (and no low-grade case is refused admission), it is marvellous to find a large proportion of all those discharged, not because they are fit for discharge, but simply in most cases by efflux of time, industrially or domestically employed. Of the 93 patients discharged during the year ending June, 1907, Dr. Douglas reported that 68 were improved, only 25 remaining stationary, and even those who had not improved mentally had benefited in bodily health. Regarding the patients discharged improved, Dr. Douglas told the Commission that many of them re-visited the Institution at holiday times as if

it were a second home or their old school, of which they were proud, and he was pleased with their tidy appearance and self-respecting bearing. Many of the patients sent out improved could not stand alone. If neglected or ill-treated they must relapse, but if kindly and judiciously guided they showed through the rest of their lives the value of the training they had here received. But it is not solely by statistics as to patients discharged that an Institution like this is to be judged. Look round it, watch its machinery in motion, and you will be satisfied of its utility; and may I say that it has a utility that extends far beyond its own walls, for it is surely doing no mean service in helping to keep alive in these northern counties the spirit of Christian charity and altruistic interest in a very selfish age. I am sure it will be a sad day for this country when every kind of human affliction, suffering, sorrow and infirmity is relieved mechanically out of the rates and regulated by a committee of the County Council—when there will be no scope left for personal loving-kindness and endeavour in the support of an Institution like this. I have seen the long list of noble benefactors who have built this Asylum up by princely donations and annual contributions, who by subscriptions large and small have kept it going, and I am sure all these founders and contributors have found that the act of giving in such a cause is, like the quality of mercy, twice blest, blessing those who receive the gift and also those who dip their hands in their pockets. I am not surprised at the prosperity of the Institution, for it deserves it. Its reputation is firmly established in this hard-headed and warm-hearted northern land, that is quick to see through anything in the nature of a sham. It is recognised as a sound, benevolent investment under the control of wise and public-spirited directors. I have had an opportunity of reading some of the recent reports of the Committee, and I would say of them that they are very different from the dry, frigid records one is accustomed to in such reports. They are instinct with divine pity, and are full of zeal and hopefulness. They bear the signature of Sir John Hibbert, who is thus continuing that public service which he has so long rendered, and to which, indeed, he has devoted his life. In many public departments—in the Local Government Board, in the Home Office, in the Admiralty, and in the Treasury, if I recollect aright—he has done the state some service in his time. He was never amongst the sky-scraping politicians too common in these times, who are incessantly soliciting public attention, but has done quiet, unobtrusive, substantial work, and all the time while serving the state he has not forgotten his native county.

Lord RICHARD CAVENDISH

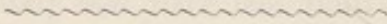
DEPUTY-CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE),

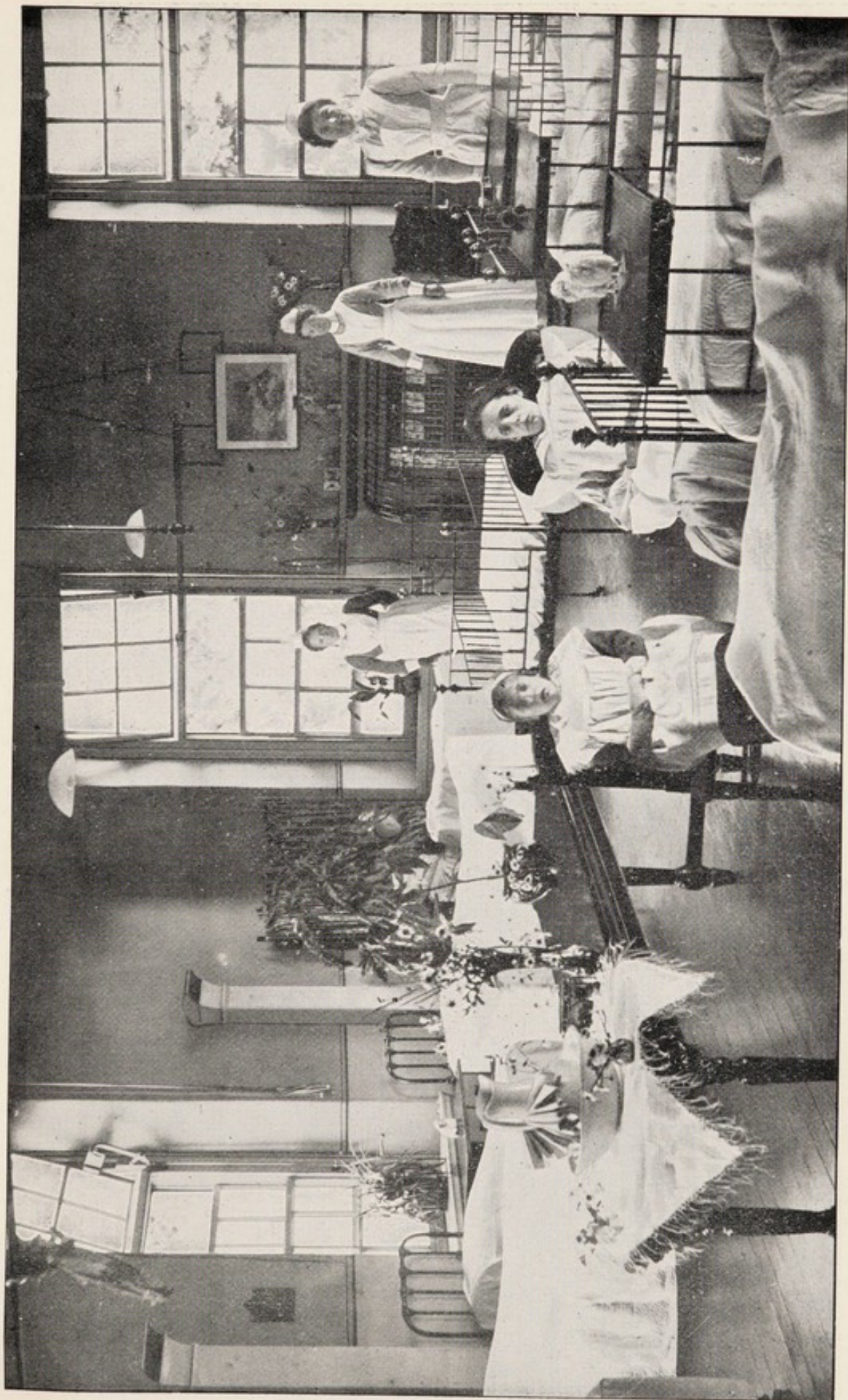
At the Kendal Meeting, May 11th, 1909.

Lord Richard Cavendish, in proposing the first resolution, said that was the first large public meeting held in connection with the Institution since the death of their late revered Chairman, Sir John T. Hibbert, and it was only fitting they should record their appreciation of the great services he, with unflinching energy and zeal, had rendered to the Institution for over thirty years. As a near neighbour and close personal friend, he could not but be aware of the extraordinary interest and energy Sir John displayed in all matters that he took in hand. No one could have entered into the large public affairs of his own district with greater zeal and efficiency than Sir John Hibbert. But when he (Lord Richard) became connected with the Royal Albert Asylum a year ago, and recognised how much one individual could do for an Institution like that, he felt he was expressing Sir John's own feelings when he said that of all the important undertakings with which he was connected none lay nearer his heart than the welfare of the Institution, and no words of his could express adequately the great loss the Committee and the Institution had sustained by Sir John's death. The only thing that remained for them to do was to try to carry out the example he set, and endeavour to do the work upon which he set his seal in the manner he used to do it. He had the utmost confidence in bringing to their notice the claims of the Royal Albert, because he did not think there was any Institution that could appeal to their sympathy and generosity with stronger force and more urgent need. It was doing a work which of all charitable works most appealed to their interest and goodwill. Nothing could be more urgent than the care and treatment of the mentally-afflicted youth of the country, and nothing that could be done to alleviate the distress and improve the condition of those afflicted by such calamities should be left undone. If they read the reports or visited the Royal Albert they could not but be impressed with the work done and the care and attention bestowed upon the inmates and the practical results achieved, and they would be ready to admit that the Institution was amply fulfilling the wishes and intentions of the original founders of the scheme. It must be obvious that the maintenance of the Institution involved a large expenditure, and up to now the Committee had been fortunate in receiving support in large and full measure from the residents in the seven northern counties. But it was work that must not stand

still. There were always more patients clamouring to enter the Institution than it was possible to receive, and whatever support might be given the Committee would still have to ask for more. If they considered the numbers waiting for treatment, he thought it would be admitted the Committee had good ground for appealing for further support. Dealing with the position Westmorland occupied in connection with the Royal Albert, Lord Richard said it was gratifying in perusing the list of past subscribers and donors to find many Westmorland names figuring very prominently. The names of Wakefield, Crewdson and Argles appeared frequently as rendering great assistance to the Institution. They were extremely grateful for that assistance, and they hoped that as a result of that meeting the names of Westmorland people appearing in the subscription list would be largely increased. So far the county had not quite paid for the fifteen patients already in the Institution, the deficiency being about £20 a year. At the election that day there were only two Westmorland vacancies, with five candidates, but that could easily be remedied if the subscriptions were brought up to the requisite amount to enable all the five candidates to be selected. He did not think that was an unreasonable demand to make. A question they might fairly ask was: Was the Institution conducted in a proper and efficient manner—were its finances used to the best possible advantage? Both of these questions could without exaggeration be answered in the affirmative. The accounts were thoroughly audited periodically, and if they were examined it would be found that the management expenses were kept down to the lowest possible figure, that there was absolutely no unnecessary expenditure, no waste, and they could feel satisfied that anything they might give would go to the maintenance and treatment of feeble-minded children. But the Institution had an additional safeguard, which possibly other charitable Institutions did not possess. Apart from the ordinary visitations by doctors and friends of patients, it was periodically visited and the inmates examined by the Government Commissioners. Their visits were absolutely surprise visits—no one knew when they were coming, and as a matter of fact their last visit was paid only a few weeks ago, when they were least expected, and when Dr. Douglas happened to be away. Their report stated: "On visiting this Institution to-day it is pleasing to us to be in a position to report that the general high state of efficiency is still maintained throughout the establishment and its various dependencies. The inmates were cheerful and happy in appearance, as well as being neatly and tidily dressed. Many of them were brought from their work to see us, others we saw busily engaged in the shops, and in all instances where we inquired we were told by them that they liked their place, had plenty to eat, and were quite happy, and so far as we could judge we think such to be actually the case, in view of the care and attention which is bestowed upon them." In conclusion, the report stated: "In the absence of Dr. Douglas we were accompanied during our inspection by Dr. Coupland, and it will be gathered from the foregoing report that we were much gratified with the manner in which the hospital is being conducted and administered, and we consider that the Committee, the Medical Superintendent, and the staff generally are to be congratulated on the manner in which this very useful work is being carried on." It was not necessary to add one word on that point. If any Institution receiving a report like that failed to elicit the financial

support of the community the fault certainly did not lie in the management, the Medical Superintendent, or the staff of the Institution. The whole question of lunacy reform had engaged the attention of the Government, and a Commission had reported on what was a difficult and complex problem. It was to be hoped that at no distant date the reforms advocated by the Commission would be embodied in an Act of Parliament; but it was admitted that voluntary Institutions such as the Royal Albert were most economically managed, and were doing the greatest possible service to the community. In conclusion, Lord Richard proposed the following resolution: "That this meeting warmly commends to sympathetic consideration the useful work which the Royal Albert Asylum continues to perform in aid of the feeble-minded of Westmorland and the rest of the seven northern counties, and trusts that a generous response to the Central Committee's appeal for an increased income may enable them to make full use of the present accommodation for 700 patients."





WARD IN THE RODGETT INFIRMARY.



HAYMAKING.

PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

- Aitken, Dr., Lancaster, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Anonymous Halifax, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Anonymous, Morecambe, Christmas Cards and Magazines for Christmas Tree.
 Applegarth, Mrs., Scorton, large Rocking Horse.
 Armstrong, P., Manchester, 3s 9d. for Christmas Tree.
 Arnold, Mrs. G. J., Lancaster, Oranges and Magazines for Christmas Tree.
 Arrowsmith, J., Glazebrook, Manchester, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Arrowsmith, Miss J. A., Glazebrook, Manchester, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Ascroft, Sir William, Preston, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Ashburner, Miss, Kirkby-in-Furness, Knitted Cuffs, Woollen Balls and Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
 Atkinson, Mrs. W., Lancaster, Balls for Christmas Tree.
 Bagnall and Co., Lancaster, 36 dozen Candles for Christmas Tree.
 Baines, Mr. and Mrs. A., Lancaster, Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
 Baines, The Misses, Bare, Lancaster, Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
 Ball, Mrs. J., Winmarleigh, Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
 Barrow and Nicholson, Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Barrow, Mrs. Thomas, Baldrand, Lancaster, Bags of Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Barrow, Mrs. W., Yewgarth, Lancaster, Bags of Sweets and Crackers for Christmas Tree.
 Barrow, Miss, Lancaster, Stereoscope and 50 Views.
 Bell, Major Burns, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Benson, T., Lancaster, Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Berry, Harrop, Ossett, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Bingham, Miss, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Bleasdale Brothers, Lancaster, Dressed Dolls for Christmas Tree.
 Boothroyd, Mrs. W., Southport, Dolls, Games, Albums and Christmas Cards.
 Boots, Limited, Lancaster, Sample Books of Christmas Cards and large quantity Christmas Cards.
 Bradshaw, Miss H., Lancaster, Knitted Woollen Scarves for Christmas Tree.
 Brunskill, J., Lancaster, 38 Girls' Hats, Boys' Ties and Hats.
 Burlison, Miss, Durham, Scrap Books, Picture Books and Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
 Butler, Miss E., Ambleside, Dolls and Woollen Balls for Christmas Tree.
 Catterall, Mrs., Lancaster, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Chaine, Miss M., Lancaster, Crackers for Christmas Tree.
 Clark, Miss, Queen Street, Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Clark, The Misses, Lancaster, Dolls and Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
 Clark, Miss I. and Miss M., Lancaster, Scrap Books and Dolls for Christmas Tree.
 Cock, Mrs., R.A.A. Farm, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Copeland, J., Newton Heath, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Cousins, Mr. and Mrs., Lancaster, large Santa Claus Stocking of Sweets and Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Cox, Mrs. Austin, Lancaster, Picture Books for Christmas Tree.
 Craven, Joseph, Thornton, Bradford, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Crewe Branch of the Cheshire Ladies' Association, per Mrs. John Powell, Wearing Apparel, Dolls, Toys, Sweets, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Croft and Ewan, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Cross, Miss Dorothy, Lancaster, Picture Books for Christmas Tree.

- Cross, Mrs., Lancaster, Picture Books, Toys, Games, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Cross, T. and Sons, Lancaster, Santa Claus Stocking for Christmas Tree.
 Davies, William, Manchester, Dolls, Oranges and Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Dicksons Limited, Royal Seed and Nursery Establishment, Chester, 3 000 Bulbs of various kinds.
 Dilworth, T., Lancaster, Crackers and Ornaments for Christmas Tree.
 Elliott, Wm., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Ewan, The Misses, Lancaster, Toys and Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Fendley, Mrs. and Miss, Lancaster, large Christmas Cake for Christmas Tree.
 Foster, Mrs., Hornby Castle, Lancaster, large Case of Toys, Games, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Fulton, I., Birkenhead, 5s. for Christmas Tree
 Gardner, Mrs. F. H., Lancaster, Boxes of Crackers and Boxes of Chocolates for Christmas Tree.
 Gibson, Miss, Wigan, Toys and Decorations for Christmas Tree.
 Gill, Mr. and Mrs. T., Lancaster, 4s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Gledhill, Mrs., Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Goad, R. J., Lancaster, 4 volumes *Illustrated London News*.
 Goth, Walter R., Manchester, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Granelli, Mrs., Macclesfield, Fancy Packets of Chocolates for Christmas Tree.
 Green, W. S., Lancaster, Nuts for Christmas Tree.
 Greenwood and Whitehead, Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Gregson, Mrs. R., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Groves, W. G., Windermere, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Hartley, Mr. and Mrs. J., Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Hays, Miss, Durham, a Bath Chair.
 Heald, Mrs., and the Misses Heald, Toys, Sweets, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Helme, Mrs., Springfield Hall, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Hetherington, George, Scotforth, Knitted Woollen Scarves for Christmas Tree.
 Heywood, Miss E., Lancaster, Crackers and Chocolates for Christmas Tree.
 Hill, M. A., and Co., Halifax, Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Hind, Rev. J., Hendon, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Hodgson, C. E., Lancaster, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Hodgson, Mrs. C., Lancaster, Dolls and Picture Books for Christmas Tree.
 Hodgson, John, Lancaster, Tar Barrels for Bon-fire.
 Huddersfield Ladies' Association, per Mrs. Wrigley, Meltham, Dolls, Balls, Gloves, Shawls, Ties, Bags, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Hulse, Miss, Lancaster. Packets of Presents for 9 Patients.
 Huntington, Mrs. W., Lancaster, Toys, Dolls, Balls, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Ingleby, Mrs., Winksley Ripon, Crackers, Woollen Balls, Toys, Clothing, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Ingleby, The Misses, Clitheroe, Dolls for Christmas Tree.
 Irvin, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Jackson, Miss Mabel, Lancaster, Dolls, Picture Books and Toys for Christmas Tree
 Jackson, George, Lancaster, two Cases of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Jackson, Mrs., Ashton-under-Lyne, 3s. for Christmas Tree.
 Jeeves, Edward, Leominster, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Jepson, Miss D., Lancaster, Dolls and Picture Books for Christmas Tree.
 Johnson, Mrs. Charles, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Jones, Mrs. W. H. B., Crewe, Articles of Clothing, per Mrs. John Powell.
 Kathleen, Jack and Josephine, Lancaster, Boxes of Sweets and Boxes of Crackers for Christmas Tree.
 Kelly, Mrs., Southport, Picture Books and Games for Christmas Tree.
 Kelly, Master Wm. R., Wigan, Dolls and Scarf for Christmas Tree.
 Kelsall, George, Manchester, Picture Books, Christmas Cards, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Kilgour, Rev. G., Rochdale, 5s. for Christmas Tree.

- Killey, G. D., Waterloo, Liverpool, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Lancaster and Skerton Equitable Industrial Co-operative Society, Limited, Case of Oranges, Nuts and Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Leach, Mrs. F. W., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Lister, T. A., Bradford, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Matthaei, Mr. and Mrs., Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Maudsley, Mrs., 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Maudsley and Son, Lancaster, Tar Barrels for Bon-fire.
 Mayall, Miss, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Dolls for Christmas Tree.
 McAlpine, Mrs., Manchester, Articles of Clothing.
 McRaith, Andrew, Lancaster, Illustrated Papers and Magazines.
 McRaith, Mr. and Mrs. A., Lancaster, Dolls, Woollen Reins, Toys and Magazines for Christmas Tree.
 McWhinnie, Mrs., Lancaster, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 McWhinnie, J., Lancaster, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Milner, E. & J. L., Lancaster, Books for Christmas Tree.
 Mitchell, Master W., Macclesfield, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Molyneux, Mrs., Bryn, Wigan, Bonnets, Collarettes and Artificial Flowers for Christmas Tree.
 Monkhouse, John, Kendal, Box of Magazines.
 Moreland, Mrs., and Mrs. C. Robinson, Lancaster, Artificial Flowers for Decorations.
 Morvell, Mrs., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Naylor, Miss E. A., Liversedge, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Otty and Co., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Paley, Miss E. F., Caton, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Parr, Miss Eveline, Lancaster, Toys and Scarf for Christmas Tree.
 Parr, Miss Hilda, Lancaster, Scarf and Chocolates for Christmas Tree.
 Pearson, Master Charles, Whitley Bay, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Pennington, Miss, Kirkby-in-Furness, Scrap Books and Woollen Balls for Christmas Tree.
 Pickford, Miss, Carnforth, Christmas Cards, Woollen Scarves, Cuffs, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Pinder and Tuckwell, Exeter, Ties, Gloves, Scarves, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Platt, John, Hynning, Carnforth, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Powell, Mrs. John, Crewe, Articles of Clothing.
 Procter, Wm., Scotforth, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Rawson, J. Selwyn, Sowerby Bridge, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Reddrop and Co., Lancaster, Dolls, Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Religious Tract Society, London, Parcel of Books, Christmas Cards, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Relph, Eric and Mildred, Lancaster, Dolls for Christmas Tree.
 Richardson, Miss E., Lancaster, Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Roberts, G. R., Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Robinson, Mr. and Mrs., Lancaster, Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
 Rodger, J. W., Cardiff, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Roper, Mrs. W. O., Yealand Conyers, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Ross, Miss, Lancaster, Picture Books, Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Rowbotham, E., Carnforth, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Row, Nora and Marion, Sweets, Picture Books, Balls, &c, for Christmas Tree
 Satterthwaite, W. H., Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Satterthwaite, Samuel, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Shand, W., and Sons, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Shearman, Mrs., Lancaster, Magazines.
 Sharples, Mrs., Manchester, Dressed Dolls for Christmas Tree.
 Shaw, Mrs. E. B., Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Shuttleworth, Dr. and Mrs., East Sheen, Surrey, Dressed Dolls for Christmas Tree.

- Simpson, The Misses, Lancaster, Games, Balls, Toys, Picture Books, &c., for Christmas Tree; also Illustrated Papers.
- Skirrow, Mrs., Settle, Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Smiths, T. D., Limited, Lancaster, 2 Cases of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Smith, W. H., and Son, Lancaster, Christmas Card Sample Book.
- Stephenson, Mrs. W. K. (the late), Lancaster, Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Stephenson, Mrs., Lancaster, Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
- Storey, Lady, Lancaster, Hampers of Rhubarb.
- Storey, Herbert L., Lancaster, £2 2s. for Christmas Tree.
- Storey, Edward, Lancaster, £2 for Christmas Tree; also Rembrandt Intaglio Pictures.
- Storey, Isaac H., Ambleside, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Stork, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Sumner, Mrs., Tarbock, Prescott, 6s. for Christmas Tree.
- Tatham, Mr. and Mrs. R., Lancaster, 2 Cases of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Taylor, Dr. C. Barrie, Newton Heath, Fancy Boxes of Chocolate for Christmas Tree.
- Taylor, Mathias, Manchester, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Tennant, Miss, Lancaster, Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Thompson, Miss, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Todd, Mrs. and the Misses, Lancaster, Dolls, Fans, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Tuck, Miss, Le Havre, French Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Turner, Colonel F. Cooper, Hay Carr, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Tyler, H. P., Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
- Wakefield, Jacob, Kendal, a Victoria Carriage.
- Walker, Mr. and Mrs. T., Lancaster, a Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Walmsley, T., Keighley, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Wearing, Miss, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Wearing, Master and Miss, Lancaster, Toys, Whips, &c., for Christmas Tree.
- Weekes, G. H., Lancaster, Toys and Sweets for Christmas Tree.
- Welch, A. B. S., Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Welch, W. G., Hampson, Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Welch, Henry and Co., Lancaster, large Boxes of Chocolates for Christmas Tree.
- Whitley, John, Halifax, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Wilby, Mrs., Lancaster, Clothing.
- Willis, Herbert, Bradford, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Wigley, J. M., Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree; also 20 Assorted Book for Staff Library.
- Wigley, Mrs. J. M., Lancaster, 28 Boxes of Stationery for Christmas Tree.
- Wingate-Saul, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Wolfenden, J. W., Oldham, 3s. for Christmas Tree.
- Wolstenholme, Mrs. J. T., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Womersley, Mrs., Halifax, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Woods, Miss, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Wrigley, Miss, Windermere, Dolls, Toys, Games, Books, &c., for Christmas Tree.

CENSUS OF IMBECILE OR FEEBLE-MINDED PERSONS.

ENGLAND AND WALES.

Number of Imbecile or Feeble-minded Persons returned in the Householders' Schedules at the Census of 1901 :

MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
24,480.	24,402.	48,882.

The Seven Northern Counties comprising the Royal Albert Asylum District :

Administrative Counties (including the County Boroughs).	Population.	Imbecile or Feeble-minded Persons.					
		Under 20 years of age.			Of all ages.		
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
LANCASHIRE	4,387,043	1007	695	1702	3385	2952	6337
YORKSHIRE	3,590,752	523	428	951	2109	2013	4122
DURHAM	1,187,474	183	112	295	624	542	1166
CHESHIRE... ..	827,191	125	105	230	552	587	1139
NORTHUMBERLAND	603,119	90	50	140	386	316	702
CUMBERLAND	266,933	29	32	61	169	166	335
WESTMORLAND	64,409	6	5	11	50	47	97
Seven Northern Counties...	10,926,921	1963	1427	3390	7275	6623	13898

The returns are, undoubtedly, far below the actual number. There is a natural reluctance on the part of parents to call their children "Imbecile," and many even hesitate to designate them as "Feeble-minded." The Census Commissioners in their Report of the Census of 1881 (no separate returns for this class were required in the Census of 1891) stated: "In the earliest periods of life this imperfection in the returns is unavoidable. It cannot be expected, for instance, that a mother will return her child, as yet only two or three years old, as an idiot, however much in her own heart she may believe or fear this to be the case; for to acknowledge it as such would be to abandon all hope. But when the child has reached such an age that no doubt as to its mental incapacity can any longer be entertained, concealment of the fact by omitting all mention of it in the schedule is no longer equally excusable, and yet it is certain that such omission is excessively common." The Commissioners said further, in this Report, "the total number of idiots and imbeciles at all ages may be estimated at 41,940, instead of 32,717, as enumerated, and this estimated total is doubtlessly still too low."

The following is the Ratio of returned Imbecile or Feeble-minded Persons to the entire population in the several places named (Census 1901):

Name.	Population.	Imbecile or Feeble-minded Persons.	One Imbecile or Feeble-minded Person in every
ENGLAND AND WALES	32,527,843	48,882	665
THE SEVEN COUNTIES	10,926,921	13,898	786
LANCASHIRE	4,387,043	6,337	692
YORKSHIRE	3,590,752	4,122	871
DURHAM... ..	1,187,474	1,166	1018
CHESHIRE	827,191	1,139	726
NORTHUMBERLAND	603,119	702	859
CUMBERLAND	266,933	335	796
WESTMORLAND	64,409	97	664

NOTE.—The Counties are the Administrative Counties (including the County Boroughs)

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE STAFF TO WHOM MEDALS HAVE BEEN AWARDED,

WITH DATES WHEN SERVICE COMMENCED.

GOLD MEDALS.

James Diggins, Principal and Secretary (deceased) 1865	Benjamin Vere, Schoolmaster and Bandmaster 1885
George Parsons, Master Shoemaker 1871	Alfred Thomas Gallaway, Teacher and Bookbinder 1887
James Hodgson, Joiner 1872	William I'Anson, Stoker 1887
James Nickson, Deputy Chief Attendant 1874	Dora Studdert, Brunton House Matron (left) 1887
Worthy Parsons, Shoemaker 1875	Thomas Bell, Tailor *1887
Thomas Cumpsty, Head Plumber... 1876	Elizabeth Hayton, Nurse... .. 1887
Oliver Mason, Tailor 1878	Arthur Ernest Sutcliffe, Assistant Storekeeper 1887
Mrs. Jane Parkinson, Tailoress ... 1878	Robert Craig, Master Tailor 1888
Mrs. Henrietta E. Smith, Storey Home Matron (left) 1878	Elizabeth Metcalfe, Charge Nurse... 1888
Henry Smith, Laundryman (left) 1880	Edward Knowles, Assistant Stoker 1889
Edward B. Shaw, Accountant... .. 1880	Charles McGowan, Attendant... .. 1889
Andrew Yule, Attendant *1880	James McWhinnie, Surgery Attendant... .. 1889
Elizabeth Atkinson, Nurse 1881	William Parkinson, Gardener... .. 1889
Joseph Holland, Baker 1881	Mary Jane Metcalf, Nurse 1889
Mrs. Ann Holland, Cook 1881	Thomas Jackson, Night Stoker ... 1890
Jane Irwin, Nurse 1882	Charles Bennett, Shoemaker 1891
Eleanor Huntington, Nurse (left) *1883	Benjamin Owen, Clerk 1891
Frederick Varey, Head Gardener ... 1883	Thomas Turner Goad, Tailor... .. 1891
Edmund M. Sutcliffe, Clerk 1883	William Arkwright, Gardener... .. 1891
Albert Macdonald, Steward 1883	
Mrs. Jane Doherty, Nurse (left) 1884	

SILVER MEDALS.

Jessie McVicar, Brunton House Cook (left) 1891	Mrs. Emily E. Pugh, Schoolmistress 1895
Clara Naylor, Nurse (left) 1892	Dr. Archibald R. Douglas, Medical Superintendent *1893
Alice Churchhouse, Laundress ... 1894	Joseph Wilson, Joiner 1894
Mary Lamb, Housemaid (left) 1894	Benjamin W. Price, Attendant ... 1896
Mary Jane Waters, Laundress ... 1894	Joseph Smith, Plumber-Attendant... 1897
Wm. Bond, Chief Attendant (left) 1895	Dr. W. H. Coupland, Senr. Assistant Medical Officer 1897
Jessie M. Henderson, Laundry Forewoman (left) 1895	

BRONZE MEDALS.

Elizabeth J. Burton, Teacher (left) 1894	Joseph E. Hodgson, Electrician's Labourer 1900
Harriet Hill, Nurse-Teacher (left) 1894	Frederick W. Lilley, Basketmaker 1900
Robert Simpson, Attendant (left) 1895	James H. Wilby, Attendant 1900
Winifred H. Bolton, Teacher (left) 1896	Sydney H. White, Upholsterer Attendant... .. (left) 1900
Edward Edmondson, Farm Attendant (left) 1896	Robert W. Watson, Farm Labourer 1901
Nelly Burdett, Schoolmistress (left) 1897	Edith Richmond, Nurse (left) 1901
Samuel Keir, Secretary 1898	William Smith, Gardener... .. 1901
Robert J. Cooke, Attendant (left) *1895	Victoria Vere, Teacher 1901
Edmund W. Bradford, Attendant ... *1895	Frederick Wm. Leach, Clerk of Works 1901
John Hayhurst, Butcher (left) *1889	Ruth Lucas, Laundress 1901
Frances Simple, Sewingmaid 1898	John Thomas Wolstenholme, Clerk 1902
Wm. J. Mallard, Brush and Mat-maker 1898	Agnes Forrest, Sewingmaid 1902
Edith Wallis, Tailoress 1898	William Alfred Darts, Attendant ... 1902
Jane Lucas, Laundress 1899	Annie Gornall, Laundress 1902
Alice Briscoe, Nurse 1900	Isabella Howard, Nurse 1902
John Brownrigg, Farm Labourer .. 1900	Alice Siviour, Matron 1902

*—Two periods of service included.

LIST OF PLACES

FROM WHICH THE PRESENT INMATES HAVE BEEN ADMITTED.

LANCASHIRE.

	No.		No.
Ashton-in-Makerfield	3	Leigh	5
Ashton-under-Lyne... ..	3	Leyland, Preston	1
Atherton	2	Liverpool	53
Barrow-in-Furness	2	Lytham	1
Blackburn	6	Manchester and Salford... ..	71
Blackpool	2	Morecambe	2
Bolton... ..	17	Newton-le-Willows... ..	1
Burnley	4	Oldham	21
Bury	2	Ormskirk	1
Cark-in-Cartmel	1	Prescot, Liverpool	1
Castleton, Rochdale	1	Preston	11
Chorley	2	Rawtenstall	2
Clitheroe	1	Rochdale	9
Darwen	1	Seaforth, Liverpool	1
Didsbury, Manchester	1	St. Anne's-on-Sea	1
Flixton, Manchester	1	St. Michael's-on-Wyre	1
Garstang	1	Southport	5
Garston, Liverpool	1	Tyldesley	2
Great Crosby, Liverpool	1	Ulverston	1
Haydock, St. Helens	1	Warrington	4
Inskip... ..	1	Warton	1
Kirkham	2	Wigan... ..	6
Kirkby-in-Furness	1		
Lancaster	15		273

CHESHIRE.

Alpraham	2	Manley	1
Alsager	1	Marple	1
Altrincham	1	Nantwich	1
Birkenhead	11	New Brighton	1
Cheadle	1	Northwich... ..	3
Chester	9	Rock Ferry	1
Congleton	1	Rossett	1
Crewe	2	Runcorn	1
Disley	1	Stalybridge	1
Haslington... ..	1	Stockport	13
Hoylake	1	Tarvin	1
Knutsford	1	Warrington	1
Liscard	1	Whaley Bridge... ..	1
Lymm... ..	1		
Macclesfield	2		63

YORKSHIRE.

	No.		No.
Barnsley	2	Knaresborough	2
Bedale	1	Leeds	36
Bentham	1	Linthwaite, Huddersfield	1
Beverley	1	Liversedge, Halifax	1
Bingley, Bradford	2	Loftus... ..	1
Birstall, Leeds	2	Marske-by-the-Sea	1
Boroughbridge... ..	1	Middlesbrough... ..	4
Bradford	18	Mirfield	1
Bridlington	1	Northallerton	1
Brighouse, Halifax	2	Normanton	1
Burton-in-Lonsdale... ..	1	Ossett	1
Castleford	1	Otley	1
Cleckheaton	2	Oulton, Leeds	1
Conisborough	1	Pontefract	2
Dewsbury	1	Pudsey, Leeds	3
Doncaster	7	Rastrick, Halifax	1
Driffield	1	Rigton Huby, Leeds	1
Elland, Halifax... ..	1	Richmond	1
Farnley, Leeds... ..	1	Ripley... ..	1
Golcar, Huddersfield	1	Ripon	3
Goole	3	Rotherham	4
Guisborough	1	Selby	2
Halifax	10	Sheffield	11
Harrogate	2	ShIPLEY, Bradford	1
Hebden Bridge, Halifax	1	Skipton	1
Hemsworth	1	Slaidburn	1
Huddersfield	12	Sowerby, Halifax	1
Hull	18	Stourton, Leeds	1
Ilkley	2	Todmorden	1
Keighley	6	Wakefield	6
Kippax, Leeds	1	York	11
Kirkby Overblow	1		
			210

DURHAM.

Barnard Castle... ..	1	Hartlepool... ..	1
Bearpark	1	Houghton-le-Spring	1
Bishop Auckland	5	Lanchester	2
Chester-le-Street	1	Middleton-in-Teesdale	1
Coxhoe	1	Ravensworth	1
Crook	2	South Shields	12
Darlington... ..	4	Spennymoor	2
Durham	2	Stockton	2
Easington	4	Sunderland	5
Fence Houses	1	West Hartlepool	2
Framwellgate Moor	1		
Gateshead	7		59

CUMBERLAND.

Allonby	1	Houghton	1
Aspatria	1	Kirkbride	1
Bootle	3	Low Row	1
Carlisle	14	Whitehaven	1
Cockermouth	4	Wigton	1
Egremont	2		
Eskdale	1		31

NORTHUMBERLAND.

	No.		No.
Alwick	3	Newcastle-on-Tyne... ..	7
Benwell	1	Stocksfield... ..	1
Longbenton	1	Wallbottle	1
Longframlington	1	Wallsend	1
Morpeth	1	Whitley Bay	3
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			20

WESTMORLAND.

Appleby	2	Holme... ..	1
Arnside	1	Kendal	6
Bampton	1	Windermere	2
Bowness	1		
Gatebeck	2		<hr/>
			16

SUMMARY.

LANCASHIRE	273
YORKSHIRE	210
CHESHIRE... ..	63
DURHAM	59
CUMBERLAND... ..	31
NORTHUMBERLAND	20
WESTMORLAND	16
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	672
OTHER COUNTIES	6
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TOTAL... ..	<u>678</u>

BRUNTON HOUSE, LANCASTER.

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM having been established for the benefit of all classes of the Feeble minded, the Central Committee have purchased the Quarry Hill property—comprising a block of Houses, with extensive grounds charmingly laid out in Tennis Lawns, Ornamental Plantations, Gardens, etc.—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 in scenery. Though quite detached, it is in convenient proximity to the Asylum Estate, consisting of 185 acres; and is under the same medical and general administration as the Asylum, with which it has telephonic connection. The Senior Assistant Medical Officer is resident there.

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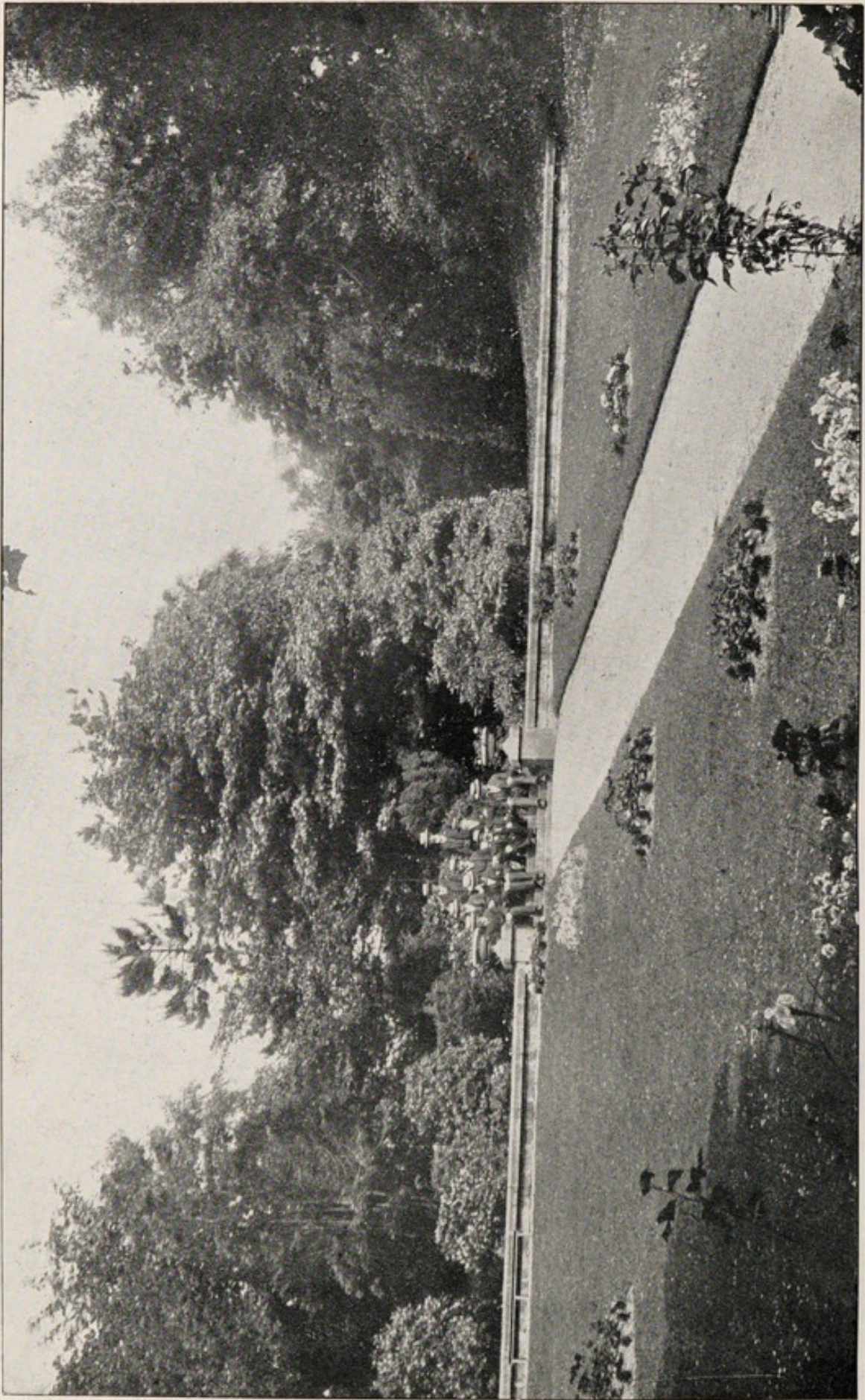
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