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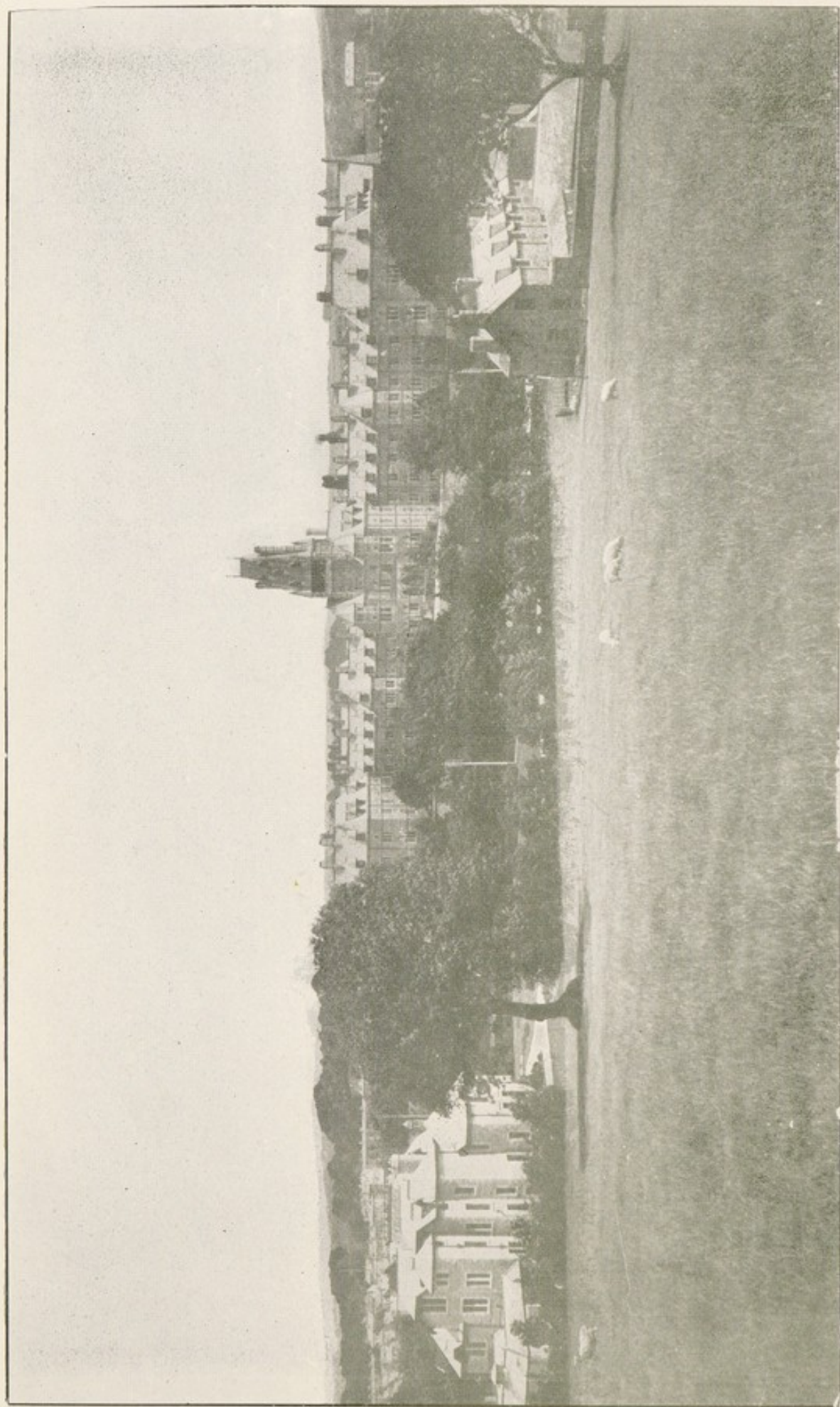
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THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, WITH STOREY HOME AND FARM HOUSE.

THE
ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM,
LANCASTER:

A TRAINING INSTITUTION

FOR

THE FEEBLE-MINDED

BELONGING TO

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

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

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

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

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THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, LANCASTER;
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NOVEMBER, 1906.

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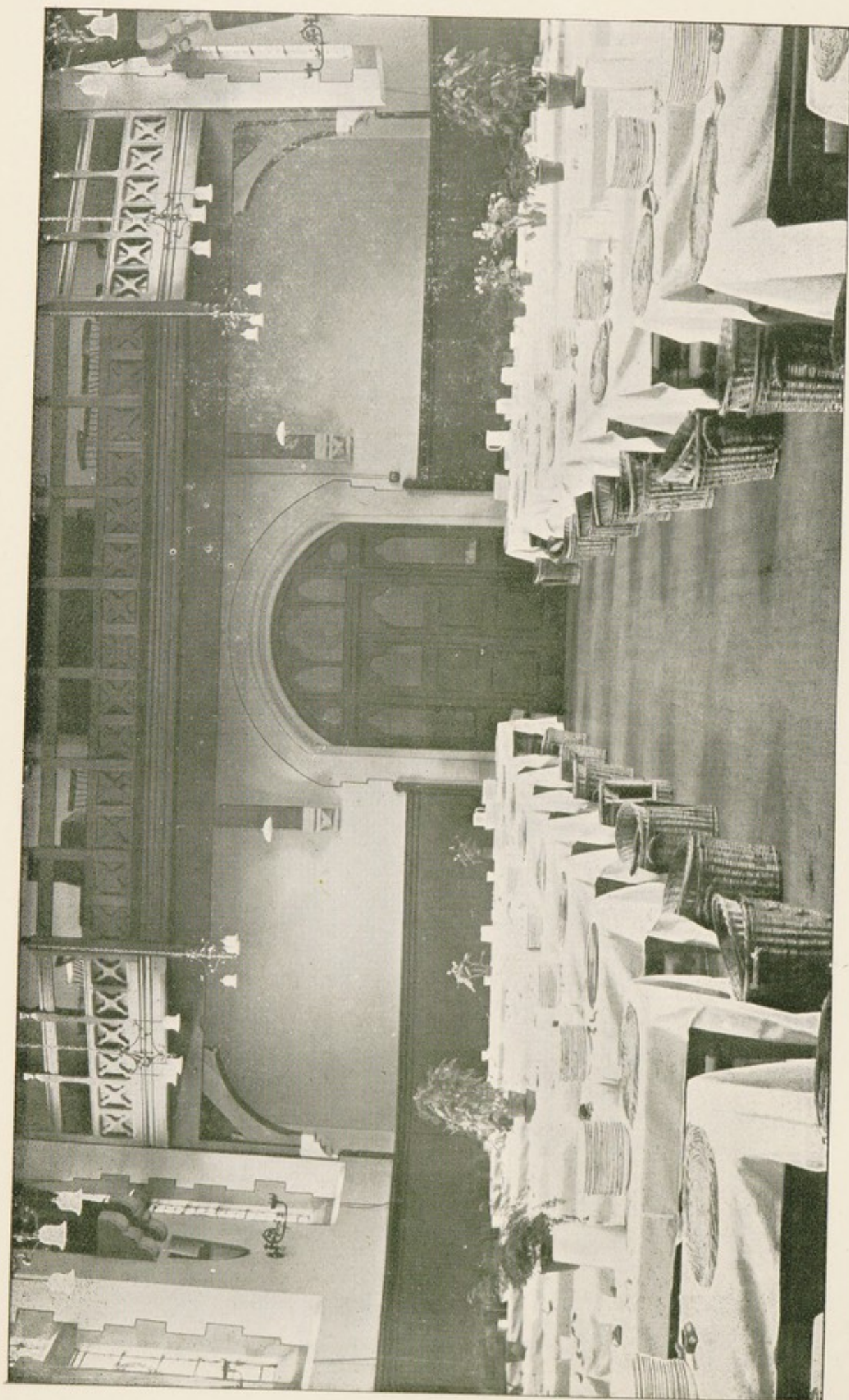
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FORM OF BEQUEST.

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.*

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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 medical 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.

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

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.

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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*, *Southport Visiter*, *Kendal Mercury*, *Waterloo 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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The GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Subscribers to the ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM was held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Monday, Nov. 5th, 1906;

THE RIGHT HON. THE LORD MAYOR OF MANCHESTER
(J. Herbert Thewlis, Esq.)

PRESIDING.

The Report of the Central Committee was presented by the Right Hon. Sir J. T. Hibbert, K.C.B., and the CHAIRMAN addressed the Meeting.

The following RESOLUTIONS were unanimously passed :

- 1.—That this Meeting adopts with satisfaction the Report now presented, and congratulates the subscribers of the Royal Albert Asylum and the Central Committee upon the increasing usefulness of the Institution, and its continued efficient and economical administration; at the same time earnestly commending to sympathetic consideration, not only in the Manchester District but throughout the rest of the Associated Area, the Central Committee's urgent Appeal for additional subscriptions, so that they may make full use of the extended accommodation for 700 Patients; and for further donations towards the £2,650 required for the erection of "The James Diggins Memorial Reception House."

Moved by the Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B. (Chairman of the Central Committee), and seconded by the Right Rev. Bishop Welldon, Dean of Manchester.

- 2.—That the Lancaster Members of the Central Committee be cordially thanked for their valuable services, and for their constant solicitude for the welfare of the Institution; and that this Meeting, in compliance with Rule 24, hereby appoints the Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B., and the following Gentlemen to be Members of the Central Committee for the ensuing year :

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Moved by Colonel W. H. Foster, D.L., Hornby Castle (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee and Chairman of the Yorkshire Committee); and seconded by V. K. Armitage, Esq., Hornby Hall.

- 3.—That this Meeting gratefully recognises the persevering and disinterested exertions of the Collectors and Honorary Officers of the Manchester and Salford District Ladies' Association and of the other Ladies' Associations in the Northern Counties, and thanks them for their valuable co-operation ; and also tenders hearty thanks to the members of the Manchester Local Committee, and invites the following Gentlemen (with power to add to their number) to act in the same capacity.

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Moved by George D. Killey, Esq., Liverpool ; and seconded by Sir Bosdin T. Leech, Manchester.

- 4.—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Honorary Auditor, Robert Mansergh, Esq., and to the Professional Auditor, Mr. Alfred B. S. Welch, for their careful audit of the Accounts of the Royal Albert Asylum, inspection of the Deeds of the Asylum Estate, and examination of the Securities held on the Sustentation Fund Account ; and this Meeting, in compliance with Rule 34, hereby appoints Henry Davies, Esq., as Honorary Auditor, and Mr. Alfred B. S. Welch as Professional Auditor, for the ensuing year.

Moved by Edward S. Heywood, Esq. (Hon. Treasurer of the Manchester Local Committee) ; and seconded by Gerald Peel, Esq., Manchester.

- 5.—That, circumstances permitting, the next General Annual Meeting of the Royal Albert Asylum be held at YORK, on WEDNESDAY, September 25th, 1907 ; and that notice thereof be given in the Lancaster, Manchester, Liverpool, Rochdale, York, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Huddersfield, Sheffield, Chester, Kendal, Carlisle, Durham, and Newcastle Newspapers.

Moved by Alfred Simpson, Esq., Manchester ; and seconded by the Rev. Canon Clarke, Rochdale.

- 6.—That cordial thanks be given to the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor for granting the use of the Town Hall, and for presiding over this Meeting ; and also to the Lady Mayoress for her kind hospitality.

Moved by Sir Edward Lawrence, Liverpool (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee, and Chairman of the Lancashire Committee) ; and seconded by Samuel Satterthwaite, Esq., Lancaster.

Before the Meeting, Mr. E. S. Heywood, Mr. Gerald Peel, and Mr. Alfred Simpson (Members of the Manchester Local Committee) entertained at Luncheon members of the Central Committee and other gentlemen ; and at the close of the proceedings Afternoon Tea was kindly provided by the Lady Mayoress.





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Presented at the General Annual Meeting,

held at Manchester,

November 5th, 1906.

In presenting their Forty-second Annual Report, the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum take the opportunity of expressing their profound gratitude for the continued prosperity of the Institution, upon which they are glad to be in a position once more to congratulate the subscribers. Financially there is every reason for satisfaction, although it is evident that a substantial increase in the annual income will be required if full advantage is to be taken of the additional accommodation which the Institution now affords. Considering the number of applications received for the admission of eligible cases, many of which are of an urgent character, it is desirable that there should be as few vacant beds as possible, and the steady increase in the number of patients under treatment is therefore very gratifying. During the year, the average number resident has been 627, as compared with 619 and 610 during the two previous years; whilst the total number of patients has by recent admissions been raised to 650, which figure was some three years ago taken to represent the total accommodation of the Institution. However, the enlargement of Brunton House by the inclusion of the adjoining Quarry Hill House, the erection of the new Workshops, and other improvements, combined with a careful revision of the arrangements in the different departments, justify the Committee in fixing the present accommodation at a total of 700 beds; and, in order to enable them proportionately to increase the number of inmates, they earnestly appeal to the generous public of the Seven Northern Counties for the additional support required.

Manchester.

Manchester has from the first taken a cordial interest in the welfare of the Royal Albert Asylum, and it was mainly through the influence of a former Mayor (the late Mr. Goldschmidt) and the late Lady Egerton of Tatton that the successful Manchester and District Ladies' Association was formed, developing from a branch founded at Whalley Range in 1878 by Lady Maclure and the late Mrs. Aders. Since its formation in 1886, this Association has collected for the Institution some £10,200, in addition to £455 received before that date from the branch at Whalley Range; and the Committee are glad to note that this year's total of £546 compares favourably with the amounts contributed in previous years. Among the earliest friends of the Institution must be counted Mr. E. S. Heywood, the Hon. Local Treasurer, whose connection with it dates back to the year 1865. Manchester was last visited in 1898, when an Election of Patients was held there, a strong appeal being made for additional contributions in reduction of the large annual deficiency in the amount contributed by the Manchester district towards the cost of its inmates. There were previous meetings at Manchester in 1870, 1872, 1875, 1884, and 1894; and the Committee welcome the opportunity of again meeting their local supporters in connection with this year's General Annual Meeting. The claims of the Institution upon the Manchester district are still as urgent as ever, and the Committee trust that they may receive sympathetic consideration.

General
Annual
Meeting
at Leeds.

The last General Annual Meeting was held at Leeds, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor (Mr. Edwin Woodhouse, D.L.), and most of the speakers referred with regret to the absence of the late Principal; who, for the first time during his long association with the Institution, was prevented by continued ill-health from attending an Annual Meeting. Prior to the meeting, the deputation from the Central Committee, with other gentlemen, were most hospitably entertained by Alderman C. F. Tetley, who had succeeded the late Sir Andrew Fairbairn as Chairman of the Leeds Local Committee. Despite the inclement weather, there was a good attendance,

and excellent addresses were delivered by the Lord Mayor, who appealed for a satisfactory contribution from the Leeds district, and by the Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B. (Chairman of the Central Committee), Colonel W. H. Foster, D.L. (Chairman of the Yorkshire Committee), Alderman C. F. Tetley, the Vicar of Leeds (Rev. S. Bickersteth, D.D.), Ald. B. S. Brigg (Keighley), Mr. G. D. Killey (Liverpool), Ald. F. M. Lupton (Leeds), Mr. W. G. Welch (Lancaster), and other friends of the Institution.

In opening the proceedings, the Lord Mayor made the following appeal :

The
Lord Mayor
of Leeds.

"The Royal Albert Asylum was designed for the reception of children and young people of feeble intellect, and so far as its work was concerned it was quite a success. Like all other Institutions, and especially those which required large sums of money from time to time, this Institution had at times felt the need of increased funds to carry on its work satisfactorily. He noted that the Asylum was for the reception of patients from the Seven Northern Counties, including the great broad county of Yorkshire. Speaking as a bred and born Yorkshireman, he was glad to know that Yorkshire had contributed very materially to the maintenance of the Institution, into which in his own career he had many times been called upon to assist in getting Yorkshire patients. It was only reasonable and fair to expect that a big and rich county like the county of York should certainly discharge its obligations. He believed that up to the present time it had been a little short in that respect. The balance against them might not be a serious one, but still it was a balance, and he always liked to hear that when Yorkshire had a balance it should be on the credit side and not the debit. Seeing that that meeting was held in Leeds, the largest city in the largest county of the country which possessed the largest empire in the world, they ought to see whether it was not possible, collectively and individually, to have this matter remedied and put right. At the present time there were in the Institution about 180 patients from Yorkshire, out of a total of between 630 and 640, and the average cost of each inmate worked out at about 13s. 7d. per week. It appeared that the contributions from Leeds had been insufficient to meet the cost of their local patients. Putting it in a rough way, the yearly cost of these patients had been about £1,039, and the deficiency was about £234 per annum. He should take it as a matter of esteem for himself if they would endeavour to remove this reproach from their county and put forth an endeavour to make their contributions a little more satisfactory."

This appeal was supported by the Chairman of the Central Committee; and also by the Chairman of the Yorkshire Committee (Colonel Foster, D.L.), who said :

Colonel Foster,
D.L.

"Yorkshire really had a great stake in the Royal Albert Asylum. More than a quarter of the patients came from Yorkshire, and the county had contributed substantially in donations and legacies. If that meeting resulted in renewed interest it would have done some good. As had been said, while they had accommodation for 650 patients they only had 636 actually in it now. The maintenance of the extra number, if they filled the Institution, would necessitate a large addition to the annual income. They

were very anxious to increase their subscriptions in order that they could attain that object. It had been said that Leeds was a little behind other towns. It was behind Bradford and Halifax, two smaller towns. He thought that a subscription list of £140 a year from that great and wealthy city was not what they were entitled to look forward to."

Election
Meeting at
Southport.

This year's Election of Patients, with the subsequent public meeting, took place at Southport on the 11th of June, there being an excellent attendance of members of the Central and Local Committees, as well as of the general public. Although the Mayor (Councillor C. H. Bibby-Hesketh, D.L.) was unavoidably absent, many of the gentlemen who took part in the proceedings were his guests at luncheon in the Mayor's Parlour. The party were entertained by the Deputy-Mayor (Councillor E. Trounson), who also presided in place of the Mayor at the ensuing public meeting. Addresses were given by the Chairman (the Deputy-Mayor), and by the Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B., Colonel Foster, D.L., Sir George Pilkington (Vice-Chairman of the Southport Local Committee), the Rev. R. B. Blakeney, Mr. J. J. Cockshott and Mr. Wm. Lees (Southport), Mr. G. D. Killey (Liverpool), and Mr. W. I. R. Crowder (Carlisle), and the following resolution was unanimously passed :

"That this Meeting congratulates the Central Committee upon the continued prosperity of the Royal Albert Asylum, and rejoices to hear of the great success which has attended their efforts for the amelioration of the condition of the Feeble minded; and, in commending the strong claims of the Institution to further generous support, particularly draws attention to the Committee's appeal for £2,500 for the erection of 'The James Diggens Memorial Reception House,' which indispensable adjunct will form a permanent memorial of the late Principal's long and successful association with the Institution."

Councillor
E. Trounson.

In the course of his introductory address, the Deputy-Mayor said :

"Each of the Seven Associated Counties was entitled to share in the benefits and in the management of the Institution in proportion to its contributions. The Institution had accommodation for 650 children, and there were now 642 within its walls; but he noticed that a large increase in the annual income would be required if the Committee were to continue the use of the Institution to its full capacity. Every year a large number of afflicted children were elected by the votes of the subscribers as free patients; and the unsuccessful that day would be allowed to make another attempt to get admission next year. All the votes received would be carried forward and added to those secured next year, so that probably every candidate defeated that day would be successful at the next election. At any rate, they were bound to get admission even-

tually. According to the last Report, the total amount subscribed annually by Southport to the funds of the Institution was only £26 15s. 9d. That, he was satisfied, was explainable by the fact that the Institution was not known as it deserved to be in the neighbourhood, and when its good work became generally known the people of Southport would make a generous response. The Committee were now appealing for £2,500 for the building of a Reception House for patients, which appeared to be urgently required; and the Report stated that the Institution was labouring under a great disadvantage, and had suffered in more than one direction, for want of this adjunct. The only place they had at present for the reception of the patients was a room now used for infectious cases at the Rodgett Infirmary, and when that was occupied they had no place in which to put fresh patients for quarantine and preliminary observation. The new building was to be named after the late Principal of the Institution, and the Committee were appealing not only for subscriptions, but especially for this £2,500. He believed they would get it, and that Southport would do its share in providing the necessary funds."

The objects and organisation of the Institution were explained by the Chairman of the Central Committee, who made the following reference to the late Principal and his life-work :

The
Right Hon.
Sir John T.
Hibbert,
K.C.B.

"It must be a source of great satisfaction to the people of the Seven Northern Counties, and especially to those interested in the Asylum, to think that, during the forty years which had elapsed since the Asylum was first suggested, they had been enabled to obtain a sufficient sum of money to erect buildings costing £147,000 and to buy land to the extent of 185 acres. In that magnificent Institution, which many of them had seen and which he hoped all would make an opportunity to see before many months passed, they had an establishment for the service of the Seven Northern Counties which was entirely free from debt. In connection with this matter of the erection of buildings, mention must be made of one who had been connected with the work from its commencement to the time of his death—the late Mr. James Diggins. He was appointed forty years ago as Secretary, and during the whole of that time he gave unstinted service to the Institution in every way—as Secretary and Principal and in many other positions. If ever there was a case in which it could be said of a man, in looking round the buildings and at the Institution as it now existed—what was said of Sir Christopher Wren—this was one. 'If you seek his monument, there it is.' He lived for the Institution, passed nearly the whole of his life in the Institution, and he died wishing it every prosperity in the future. In fact they might say he died at his post, for he had attended on the night of his death a lecture given at the Institution by a former Medical Superintendent and colleague, Dr. Shuttleworth, on questions which affected the interests of the feeble-minded. If there was any one to whom they could look back with respect and even love it was the late Mr. Diggins, who devoted himself to the interests of the Institution and the improvement of the poor imbecile, idiot and feeble-minded; and though they had lost him they would remember him as long as they were able to look at the Asylum itself. He had told them of what the Asylum consisted, and he ought to tell them that it had drawn forth the sympathy of many liberal-minded people in the Seven Northern Counties. They had had given to them the Winmarleigh Hall, which commemorated the late Lord Winmarleigh, the Rodgett Infirmary, the Ashton Wing, the Home for trained girls built by the late Sir Thomas Storey, and lately new Workshops built by his son and worthy successor, Mr. Herbert Storey;

all of which showed that the poor imbecile appealed to the wealth and munificence of people in the seven counties. He trusted now, when they were appealing for just one more addition to the Institution—a Reception House which was to be a memorial of the late Mr. Diggins—that they would not appeal in vain. They required £2,500 for the purpose, and they had already had given to them £600, so that it should not be difficult to raise the remainder without trenching upon any investments in connection with the Institution."

Election of
Patients.

For the 60 vacancies allotted by the Committee at this Election, there were 98 candidates. Lancashire had 38 candidates for 23 vacancies; Yorkshire, 31 candidates for 18 vacancies; Cheshire, 8 candidates for 6 vacancies; Westmorland, 3 candidates for 2 vacancies; Cumberland, 6 candidates for 3 vacancies; Durham, 7 candidates for 5 vacancies; Northumberland, 5 candidates for 3 vacancies. Of the 38 candidates who were unsuccessful, it is satisfactory to find that only one had previously tried for election, and even this one has since been added to the successful list. All the other candidates who failed last year were successful on this occasion, a result which confirms in a convincing manner the efficacy of the system of election now pursued, particularly when it is remembered that the relatives and friends of candidates are spared the trouble and expense of canvassing for votes, this being prohibited by the rules of the Institution.

The late
Principal.

Regretful reference has already been made to the death of Mr. James Diggins, the late Principal of the Royal Albert Asylum, which occurred suddenly at his residence on the 24th of February last, and an announcement of the event was sent to subscribers with the last Report, the issue of which had been delayed by his illness. Although Mr. Diggins had been in failing health for four years, he never entirely relinquished his arduous duties, and his death took place immediately after his return home from the Asylum, where he had been attending a lecture given during the evening to members of the staff by Dr. Shuttleworth, the Hon. Physician and first Medical Superintendent. Mr. Diggins was appointed Secretary on June 19th, 1865, and became Principal in 1893. He acted as Secretary for more than forty years, but considerations of health induced him to resign the office on the 3rd of November, 1905, although, at



The Late
MR. JAMES DIGGENS, J.P.

Born : April 27th, 1835.

Died : February 24th, 1906.

the request of the Committee, he retained the post of Principal. At their first meeting after his death, the Central Committee unanimously passed the following resolution :

"That this Meeting of the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum desires to place on record its deep regret at the irreparable loss which they and the Institution have sustained by the death of Mr. James Diggens, for many years the Principal, and, until November last, the first and only Secretary.

"They also wish to express their high appreciation of the 40 years of faithful service rendered by Mr. Diggens, who, by his indomitable energy and his profound interest in all that pertains to the cause of the imbecile, not only placed the Royal Albert Asylum upon a sound financial basis for carrying out its noble work, but also gave it a leading position amongst similar Institutions in this and other countries.

"In its early days, and ever since its fuller development, the Royal Albert Asylum has, through the tact and sterling devotion of Mr. Diggens, continued to progress and prosper; and in 1893, upon the resignation of Dr. Shuttleworth, the Central Committee, recognising Mr. Diggens' unexampled talents for organisation, appointed him Principal, which post he held with conspicuous ability and success until the day of his death.

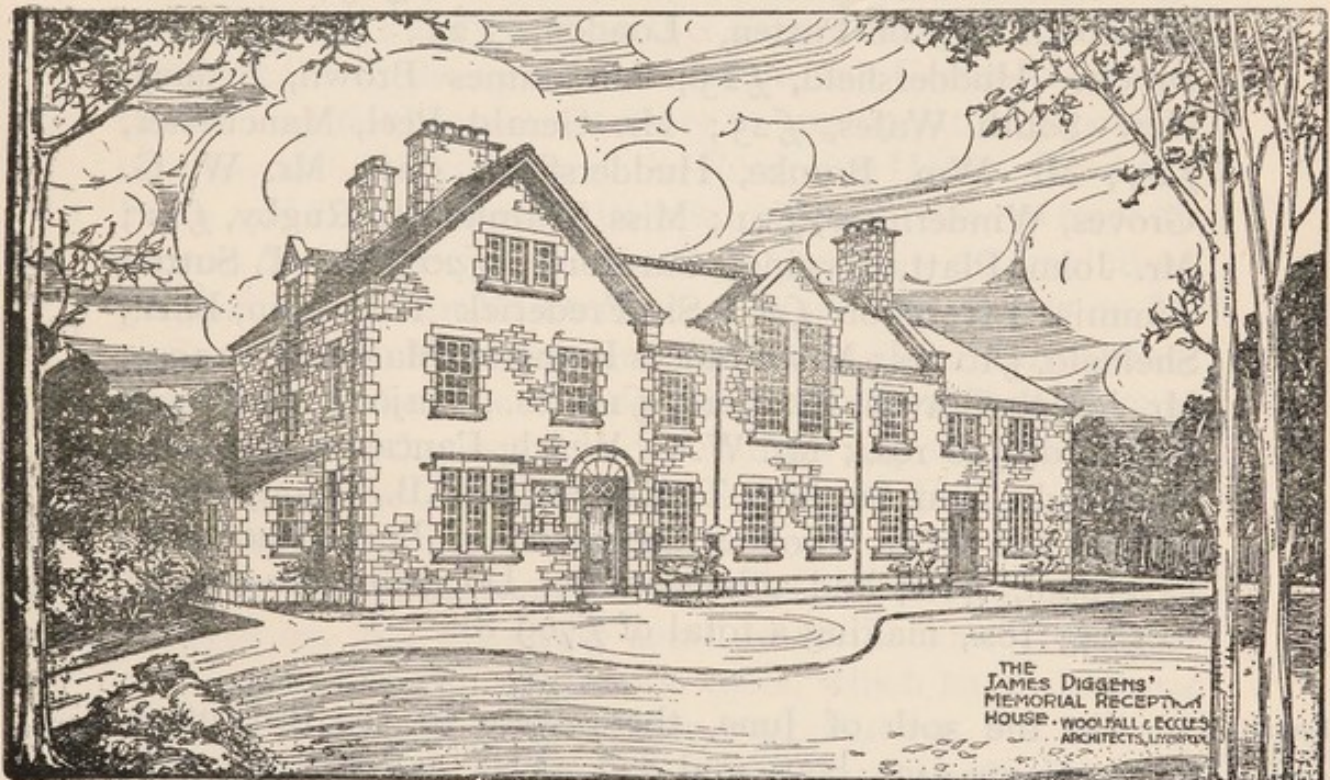
"That this Meeting tenders to Mr. Diggens' relatives its sincere sympathy and condolence."

Important changes in the administrative staff of the Institution were necessarily occasioned by the Principal's long illness and sudden death. Whilst continuing to avail themselves of Mr. Diggens's great experience by retaining his services as Principal, the Committee, in November last year, afforded him much relief in his arduous duties by appointing as Secretary Mr. Samuel Keir, who had for four years previously acted as Assistant-Secretary, having been in the service of the Institution more than seven years altogether. Upon the fatal termination of the Principal's illness in February last, Dr. Archibald R. Douglas, who held the post of Assistant Medical Officer from October, 1893, to July, 1897, and who had been Resident Medical Officer since November, 1899, having altogether completed 10½ years' service, was appointed Medical Superintendent of the Asylum, Mr. Keir continuing as Secretary. Dr. Douglas's increased responsibility rendered necessary the appointment of a second Assistant Medical Officer; Mr. A. Macdonald was given the title of Steward, having previously acted as Steward and Storekeeper; and Mr. E. B. Shaw remained as Accountant.

Official
Changes.

Some time ago, the Chairman pointed out the necessity for providing a Reception House, where patients could be received on admission, and where they could be kept during the usual fourteen days of quarantine. The practical utility of a building of this kind is self-evident. Should a case of infectious disease occur during the quarantine period, isolation would be complete, and the risk of importing contagion into the main building would be reduced to a minimum. At present, the upper floor of the Rodgett Infirmary, which was specially constructed for isolation purposes, does double service, not only as the admission ward for new patients, but also as the ward to which cases of infectious disease are removed for treatment. The Committee have decided to reserve the upper floor of the Rodgett Infirmary solely for the isolation and treatment of infectious cases; whilst the new Reception House will always be available for admission purposes. In an Institution like the Royal Albert Asylum, where the majority of the inmates are children, it must be expected that outbreaks of Scarlet Fever, Measles, etc., will occasionally occur; and in the past many delays have been experienced in admitting new comers, owing to the only department suitable for them (that on the upper floor of the Rodgett Infirmary) being already occupied by patients suffering from infectious disease. This new structure will also include sleeping accommodation for the Nurses employed in the Infirmary proper, who have at present bedrooms on the upper floor of the Rodgett Infirmary, and who, during the occupation of this department, have to be provided for elsewhere. The Reception House will also furnish, on more commodious lines than was formerly possible, facilities for the adequate preliminary observation of the new patients; which is so important for their subsequent classification, and so materially helpful in determining the choice of the department best adapted to the needs of each particular case. The building has been designed by Messrs. Woolfall and Eccles, of Liverpool, from plans which were kindly prepared by Mr. Edward Storey (Vice-Chairman of the House Committee) and approved by the Commissioners in Lunacy. It will occupy a pleasant site on the rising

ground to the south-east in front of the Rodgett Infirmary, with the general architectural features of which it will harmonise. The external walls will be of local stone, and there will be two main floors, containing a reception-room, with an adjoining examination-room, a large day-room, a spacious dormitory for 16 beds, three bedrooms, kitchen and scullery, and the requisite bathrooms, lavatories and storerooms, in addition to two attic bedrooms. The number of patients that can be received at one time will be 16, besides accommodation for the attendants or nurses in charge of them. Towards the £2,650 for which the



Committee appealed, they have so far received £770, and they trust that the £1,880 still required may speedily be forthcoming; so that this practical memorial to one to whose genius for organisation and administrative ability during more than forty years of faithful service the Institution is so deeply indebted may be erected entirely by funds contributed for that special purpose. To this end, the Committee earnestly appeal for further donations, which will be gratefully received and acknowledged. In view of the deep interest which the late Principal took in the question of providing a suitable building for the reception

of newly-admitted patients, it appeared to the Committee that the new addition might appropriately form a permanent tribute to his memory, and they therefore decided to name the structure "The James Diggens Memorial Reception House."

**Donations
to the
Reception
House Fund.**

The following is a list of the Donations which have already been promised:—Mr. Wm. Farrer Ecroyd, Credenhill Court, near Hereford, £100; Dr. W. S. Paget-Tomlinson, Kirkby Lonsdale, £50; Miss King, Oxton, Birkenhead, £50; Sir Geo. A. Pilkington, Southport, £25; The Hon. Ellinor Wilson-Patten, London, £25; The Hon. Elizabeth Wilson-Patten, London, £25; Mr. John A. Brooke, Huddersfield, £25; Mr. James Brown, Sydney, New South Wales, £25; Mr. Gerald Peel, Manchester, £25; Mr. Wm. Brooke, Huddersfield, £21; Mr. W. G. Groves, Windermere, £21; Miss Wainhouse, Rugby, £21; Mr. John Platt, Hynning, Carnforth, £20; Mr. T. Sutton Timmis, Liverpool, £20; Sir Frederick T. Mappin, Bart., Sheffield, £10 10s; Mrs. Frances Barnston, Malpas, £10 10s.; Mr. Joseph Craven, Bradford, £10 10s.; Major F. C. Foster, Bradford, £10 10s.; Mr. W. G. Welch, Lancaster, £10 10s.; The Right Hon. Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B., Grange-over-Sands, £10; Sir Thomas Brocklebank, Bart. (the late), Liverpool, £10; and other smaller Donations amounting to £243 18s., making a total of £769 8s.

**Number and
Classification
of Patients.**

On the 30th of June, there were in the Institution 650 patients (423 boys and 227 girls), as compared with 627 at the date of last year's Report. In view of the multitude of eligible cases revealed by the census returns for the associated counties, this increase in the number of inmates is a matter to which the Committee refer with satisfaction, and they trust that the generosity of subscribers may furnish the increased income required to keep the Institution fully occupied in future. The inmates included 267 election cases, 348 reduced-payment cases, 14 full-payment cases, 6 associated and private cases, 13 life-interest cases, and 2 presentation cases; and they were received from the following counties:

Lancashire	276
Yorkshire	193
Durham	65
Cheshire	56
Cumberland	29
Northumberland	15
Westmorland	10
Other Counties	6
	<hr/> 650

Financially the prosperity of the Institution continues to be well maintained, and during the past year the income has been adequate for the purpose of meeting current expenses. There is, however, a constant drain resulting from the continual demands upon the Estate and Buildings Improvement Fund; and, as this account may have to meet further calls in the not distant future, the Committee trust that it may not become necessary to appropriate any portion of it towards the erection of the Reception House. Omitting Farm and Garden items, the total amount received from all sources during the year has been £26,604 14s. 2d., including £23,398 14s. 2d. on Maintenance Account and £2,637 os. 8d. on Sustentation Fund Account. The state of the Maintenance Fund has justified the transfer of £1,850 from that account to the credit of the Estate and Buildings Improvement Fund, which has also benefited to the extent of £6 13s. 4d. from bank interest. Payments for patients form the largest item in the Maintenance Account, and they amount to £12,758 2s. 3d., including small contributions from the relatives and friends of election cases, which have this year realised £768 13s. 10d. These contributions are entirely voluntary, but the parents of most election patients prefer to offer some payment, however small, towards the cost of their children's maintenance and training; and this not only leads to regular inquiry after the welfare of the inmates but the sums in the aggregate form a considerable item of income. The receipts from payments for patients may be expected to keep pace with the advance in the average number of inmates, which has steadily increased during recent years. Annual subscriptions account for the sum of £4,038 19s. 6d., an amount which cannot be considered as in any way commensurate with the population and wealth of the extensive area served by the Institution,

Finances.

and an earnest appeal for a substantial addition to the total has certainly every justification. Deaths, removals, and other causes, tend continually to diminish the income from this source, and constant vigilance is required if losses thus occasioned are to be made good. Were it not for the valuable assistance of the Ladies' Associations, the amount received in subscriptions would be reduced to very slender proportions. From interest on investments, £5,717 9s. 1d. has been received. These investments ensure the financial stability of the Institution, and the steady advance in the income thus derived is most satisfactory.

Legacies.

The income from Legacies naturally fluctuates greatly from one year to another, but happily the Institution continues to be remembered by benefactors who assist it in this helpful way. In addition to considerable Legacies which have been announced but not yet paid, the following bequests have been received during the year, and are gratefully acknowledged :

Wm. H. Fisher, West Hartlepool	1,000	0	0
H. Hargreaves Bolton, Newchurch-in-Rossendale...	450	0	0
Mrs. Kate Greenhalgh, Blackpool.....	172	13	1
Wm. Rothwell, Manchester and Colwyn Bay (additional)	147	1	0
Miss Frances Pitpladdy, Lindal-in-Furness	121	10	0
James Diggins, Lancaster	94	10	0
Mrs. Joyce Cockle, Halifax (additional)	61	6	7
Miss Eliza Barrow, Lancaster	20	0	0

Contributions from the Seven Counties.

Appended is a table showing the contributions towards the Maintenance and Sustentation Fund received from each of the Seven Associated Counties during the last financial year :

COUNTIES.	MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.			SUSTENTATION FUND ACCOUNT.		RECEPTION HOUSE FUND.	TOTAL.
	Annual Subscrip- tions.	Donations.	Legacies.	Legacies.	Donations.	Donations.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
LANCASHIRE	1488 2 11	104 16 2	20 0 0	985 14 1	40 0 0	327 3 0	2925 16 2
YORKSHIRE	1124 6 2	183 13 11	.....	61 6 7	.....	126 12 0	1535 18 8
CHESHIRE	433 11 0	49 0 4	.....	.....	.....	67 7 6	549 18 10
WESTMORLAND.....	200 2 6	1 18 0	.....	.....	.....	28 7 0	230 7 6
CUMBERLAND	281 19 11	3 2 0	.....	.....	.....	4 6 6	289 8 5
DURHAM	383 13 6	25 5 0	.....	1000 0 0	.....	1 0 0	1409 18 6
NORTHUMBERLAND	127 3 6	18 18 0	.....	.....	.....	6 6 0	152 7 6
	4038 19 6	386 13 5	20 0 0	2047 0 8	40 0 0	561 2 0	7093 15 7



CORNER OF A DORMITORY.



The sum of £2,190 10s. 6d. has during the year been invested in the purchase of £2,200 Local Loans 3 per cent. Stock. For the purpose of meeting any loss of capital resulting from the occasional redemption at par of Colonial Government Stocks, a Sinking Fund has been started, to which the sum of £50 has been transferred from the amount received as interest on investments.

Investments.

Year after year the members of the Central Committee have to acknowledge their deep indebtedness to the collectors and honorary officials of the various Ladies' Associations, and once more they have to express heartfelt gratitude for the disinterested services of the many ladies who have laboured so successfully in aid of the Institution. On the whole, the record of these Associations during the year has been one of progress, and they have again been the means of securing substantial additions to the funds, nearly two-thirds of the total amount received in annual subscriptions having been collected by them. There is a welcome increase of £171 12s. 0d. in this year's total collection of £2,855 8s. 7d. as compared with the £2,683 16s. 7d. received last year, there being an advance of £35 3s. 10d. in annual subscriptions and of £136 8s. 2d. in donations. This favourable position is largely due to the formation of the Northumberland Ladies' Association, to increased activity on the part of the Huddersfield and Westmorland Associations, and to several donations which have been given towards the erection of the new Reception House. The task of maintaining so considerable a collection at its present total is no light one, as it involves the securing every year of a considerable number of new subscribers to make good inevitable losses through deaths and removals, and the ladies are certainly to be congratulated upon the success which has hitherto attended their self-sacrificing efforts. This will readily be understood when it is stated that since the year 1875, when the late Miss Jane Hays first took up the work at Durham, these Associations have collected for the Institution not less than £65,325 6s. 7d., including £11,539 7s. 3d. from the Durham Association, £10,656 6s. 10d. from the Manchester and Salford District

Ladies'
Associations

Association (with the prior Whalley Range Branch), £9,486 17s. 9d. from the Cheshire Association, and £9,304 8s. 10d. from the Halifax Association. The total of this year's collection has only once been exceeded, a sum of £2,962 16s. 8d. having been raised in the year 1900; but with this instance as an incentive, and aided by the formation of additional Associations, it does not seem too much to hope that a yearly collection of at least £3,000 may soon have to be recorded. Concurrently with the steady advance in the average number of patients, the necessity for a proportionate increase in the income becomes year by year more imperative; and with 650 present inmates, admitted from 183 different places, and vacant accommodation for 50 more children, the Asylum furnishes the lady collectors with many valid reasons for appealing to the benevolence of all who are charitably disposed.

Amounts
Collected.

The following statement of the amounts collected by the various Ladies' Associations during the year will prove how valuable has been the assistance rendered by them :

						Annual			Subscriptions. Donations.			Total.		
						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
MANCHESTER DISTRICT :—														
Manchester	..	..	..	..	..	248	10	11	35	7	6	283	18	5
"	(Rochdale Branch)	..	..	..	..	64	17	0	..	..	..	64	17	0
"	(Bolton Branch)	..	..	..	..	57	5	0	7	8	0	64	13	0
"	(Bury Branch)	..	..	..	..	38	4	6	1	2	6	39	7	0
"	(Burnley Branch)	..	..	..	..	34	14	6	..	..	..	34	14	6
"	(Oldham Branch)	..	..	..	..	26	4	6	1	7	6	27	12	0
"	(Wigan Branch)	..	..	..	..	16	12	0	5	8	0	22	0	0
"	(Ashton Branch)	..	..	..	..	9	3	6	..	..	..	9	3	6
						495	11	11	50	13	6	546	5	5
CHESHIRE	..	..	..	..	..	373	16	0	104	2	4	477	18	4
DURHAM	..	..	..	..	..	360	11	6	1	0	0	361	11	6
HALIFAX	..	..	..	..	..	337	18	11	15	2	2	353	1	1
CUMBERLAND	..	..	..	..	..	230	14	5	7	8	6	238	2	11
LIVERPOOL	..	..	..	..	..	174	0	0	22	3	4	196	3	4
BRADFORD	..	..	..	..	..	165	7	0	7	9	3	172	16	3
WESTMORLAND	..	..	..	..	..	168	12	6	1	18	0	170	10	6
HUDDERSFIELD	..	..	..	..	..	89	14	0	21	17	6	111	11	6
LEEDS	..	..	..	..	..	69	16	6	..	..	..	69	16	6
YORK	..	..	..	..	..	55	18	9	9	19	6	65	18	3
NORTHUMBERLAND	..	..	..	..	..	46	2	0	18	18	0	65	0	0
SOUTHPORT	..	..	..	..	..	20	7	0	1	1	0	21	8	0
OTHER PLACES	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	5	0	5	5	0
						£2588	10	6	266	18	1	2855	8	7

Although there has been a gratifying increase in the total amount collected, there are unfortunate decreases to report in connection with several of the Associations, due in large part to subscriptions not having been collected in time for inclusion in the last financial year's accounts. Collectors are reminded that the financial year of the Institution ends on the 30th of June, and that all contributions should be remitted to Lancaster before that date—not later, if possible, than the end of March. Losses of £10 1s. 9d. at Bradford, of £6 13s. 6d. at Halifax, and of £4 18s. 6d. at Leeds, have, however, been more than counterbalanced by increased receipts from nearly all the other Associations. The Cheshire Association has sent in £42 12s. 8d. more than last year, a loss of £23 18s. 6d. in subscriptions having been more than made up by the large increase in donations; Huddersfield has contributed an additional sum of £33 10s. 6d., mainly as the result of a personal appeal by Mr. Wm. Hy. Armitage; the collections from Liverpool and Westmorland have advanced by £15 15s. 4d. and £14 1s. 3d. respectively; and smaller increases are reported from Manchester, Cumberland, Southport, York, and Durham.

Increases and
Decreases.

It is with pleasure that the Committee refer to the success which has attended the formation of the Northumberland Ladies' Association and the new Wigan Branch of the Manchester District Association. With Her Grace the Duchess of Northumberland as President, Lady Armstrong as Vice-President, and the Lady Margaret Percy as Hon. Secretary, the Northumberland Association promises to have a most prosperous career. During the last year it has augmented the income from Northumberland by a total collection of £65, including £46 2s. 0d. in annual subscriptions. Mrs. R. A. Farrington is the President, and Mrs. M. Benson and Mrs. James Wilson the Hon. Secretaries, of the Branch Association recently formed at Wigan, which has made an auspicious beginning with a total collection of £22.

Northumber-
land and
Wigan.

The Committee cannot refrain from alluding to the continued success which attends the persevering efforts of

Individual
Collectors.

Miss Rayner, of Brighthouse, who heads the list of lady collectors with a total of £104 os. 6d. for the year, made up of as many as 325 different items. This exceeds Miss Rayner's previous record of £102 18s. 6d., which was the amount of her collection last year. Grateful reference must also be made to the successful exertions of other ladies who have obtained large amounts, £71 4s. od. having been collected by Mrs. W. E. B. Priestley, Hon. Treasurer of the Bradford Association, £44 4s. 6d. by Mrs. Killey, Liverpool Association, and £35 14s. 6d. by Mrs. E. J. Crossley, Halifax Association. At Crewe, Mrs. John Powell's collection of £35 17s. 4d. includes £17 1s. 9d. representing the proceeds of a special concert promoted by the Crewe Branch, of which Mrs. A. G. Hill is the Hon. Treasurer; and in connection with the Halifax Association Mr. John Whitley, Chairman of the Local Committee, has increased his collection to £42 10s. 6d.

Changes.

It is with deep regret that reference is made to the death of Mrs. Maclure, followed at a brief interval by that of her husband, the Dean of Manchester; events which have deprived the Institution of two valued supporters in the Manchester district. Mrs. Maclure was deeply interested in the welfare of the Manchester District Association, acting as joint Hon. Secretary with Mrs. Bridgen; and her death has thrown much additional work upon the shoulders of this lady, by whom it has been willingly undertaken. Miss Maclure succeeded her mother as Hon. Secretary for the Northern Division of Manchester, but has unfortunately had to resign the post in consequence of her father's death. For reasons of health, Mrs. Warr has felt it necessary to relinquish the Hon. Treasurership of the Liverpool Association, which she has held since its formation, and a successor has not yet been appointed. Mrs. MacGillycuddy, who has acted most efficiently as Hon. Treasurer of the Cheshire Association, has transferred her duties to Mrs. Gibbons Frost; and Mrs. Stoehr has succeeded Mrs. Schuster, who has collected for many years in the Alderley Edge district. Mrs. Illingworth follows Mrs. Tom Mitchell as President of the Bradford Association, and Mrs. McEwan relieves

Mrs. W. E. B. Priestley of the duties of Hon. Secretary. As Mrs. Priestley has had the success of the Bradford Association so much at heart, the Committee are glad to know that she will continue to act as Hon. Treasurer. At Halifax, Miss Lilian Wright has formed an able substitute for her sister, Miss Hilda Wright, who has been absent abroad. Other changes have occurred during the year, and to all the retiring officials and collectors the Committee tender heartfelt thanks.

The Committee also tender their grateful acknowledgments to the officers and members of the County and Local Committees, from whom much valued assistance has been received. As the result of a special appeal at Halifax, promoted by Mr. John Whitley, the Chairman of the Local Committee, the sum of £90 3s. 6d. has been received, including £16 5s. 6d. in annual subscriptions. At Huddersfield, a special canvass kindly undertaken by Mr. W. H. Armitage has augmented the receipts to the extent of £28 17s. 6d., of which annual subscriptions account for £11 os. 6d. At Leeds, the formation of the Wortley and District Branch of the Local Committee, with Mr. Walter Cliff as President, Mr. S. Burrell as Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. Eli Bayfield as Hon. Secretary, has resulted in an additional income of £17 12s. 9d., including £11 2s. 9d. raised by means of a benefit concert. Mr. Arthur R. Crossley, of Hebden Bridge, has been appointed as a Halifax representative on the Central Committee in place of his father, Mr. D. J. Crossley, who has long acted in that capacity; and Mr. Clifford H. Radcliffe has become Hon. Treasurer to the Rochdale Committee, which has recently been enlarged and strengthened. Vacancies in the Durham Committee occasioned by the deaths of the Chairman (Rev. Canon Tristram) and Archdeacon Hamilton have been filled by the election of the Rev. Canon Howarth and Mr. C. D. Shafto, the Very Rev. the Dean of Durham being appointed Chairman. The late Mr. Diggins acted as Secretary to the Lancashire and Yorkshire Committees, and as Joint Secretary with other gentlemen to the Cheshire and Durham Committees and to the Manchester and

County and
Local
Committees.

Salford Local Committee, and in these offices he has been succeeded by the General Secretary, Mr. S. Keir. Special appeals for increased support have been promoted at Liverpool and Wakefield by Mr. G. D. Killey and Mr. W. F. L. Horne respectively, and much might be done in this direction elsewhere. The assistance of local gentlemen is earnestly solicited in filling up vacancies which exist in many of these Committees, notably at Burnley, Bury, Doncaster, Sheffield, Skipton, Wakefield, and Wigan, and also in the formation of new Local Committees and Ladies' Associations in towns which at present possess no such organisations.

**Deaths and
Changes in
Central
Committee.**

By the loss of Canon Tristram and the retirement of Mr. D. J. Crossley, referred to in the last paragraph, the Central Committee miss the services of two old and valued colleagues; and by the death of Dr. W. W. Wingate-Saul, who joined the Committee in 1894, the Institution has been deprived of an active and genial supporter, whose advice on matters concerning the medical department was much esteemed. He also acted as Chairman of the Farm Committee, in which office he rendered valuable service. Mr. H. L. Storey has succeeded him as Chairman of that Committee; and Dr. William Hall, of Lancaster, was appointed to replace him on the Central Committee. Mr. W. W. Galloway, of Ashton-on-Ribble, has succeeded the Rev. Canon Clarke as a Preston member of the Central Committee, Canon Clarke now representing Rochdale. Mr. James Heald replaces the late Mr. Abram Seward as a Lancaster member; and Mr. J. E. Willans has been appointed as an additional Huddersfield representative.

The Press.

To the Press of the North of England, the Institution is deeply indebted for continued advocacy and support, and for this the Central Committee return their cordial thanks. An interesting article, descriptive of a visit to the Institution, has recently been published in the *Southport Visiter*.

**Pulpit
Advocacy.**

Clergymen and Ministers promote the candidature of many applicants for admission by election, and they might do much in return to further the cause of the Institution by



BOYS' CLASS.



CLASS OF JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS.



preaching on its behalf or by allowing collections to be made for it in their churches. Amidst the many appeals for similar assistance which have doubtless to be considered, the Committee trust that the claims of the Royal Albert Asylum may receive sympathetic attention. Special mention must be made of the kindness of the following gentlemen, who have during the year helped in the way named :

Rev. H. G. Croft, Chaplain of Sedgefield Asylum.
 Rev. J. F. Cowley, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
 Rev. Canon Garnett, Christleton Church, Chester.
 Rev. Phipps J. Hornby, St. Michael's-on-Wyre Church, Garstang.
 Rev. H. G. Jones, St. John's Church, Keswick.
 Rev. John T. Lawton, St. Thomas's Church, Leigh.
 Rev. Edward H. Stewart, St. Bartholomew's Church, Croxdale.
 Rev. Thomas Windsor, Congregational Church, Skipton.

Attention is called to the following contributions, which are deserving of particular mention :

Special
Contributions.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. John Dewhurst, Elland	50	0	0
Mr John Haggas, Harden, Bingley (additional, making £100)	40	0	0
Miss M. Hays, Durham ("In Memoriam")	20	0	0
Mr. Alfred Holt, Liverpool	20	0	0
The Rochdale Provident Co-operative Society, Limited (additional, making £472 10s. od.)	15	15	0
Mrs. H. Longueville Jones, Pontefract (additional, making £65)	10	0	0
"An Old Patient," Leeds	10	0	0
The Heywood Industrial Co-operative Society (addi- tional, making £115 5s. od.)	5	5	0
Proceeds of Concert at Crewe, promoted by Mrs John Powell	17	1	9
Proceeds of Concert at Wortley, promoted by the Wortley and District Branch of the Leeds Local Committee	11	2	9
A Donation for the Staff Library from Mrs. Blades, Lancaster, £1 1s.; also for the same object a Donation of 10s. 6d. "In Memoriam of the late Mrs. Diggins"	1	11	6
A Donation for the Staff Library from Mr. H. L. Storey, Lancaster	1	1	0
Sir J. G. Tollemache Sinclair, Bart., a Columbia Graphophone, with 36 Records.			
Mr. W. K. Powell, Preston, 150 Fancy Boxes of Biscuits for Christmas.			
Messrs. Dicksons Limited, Royal Seed and Nursery Establishment, Chester, 2600 Bulbs.			

Annual
Subscriptions
from
Co-operative
Societies,
&c.

Grateful reference is made to the following Annual Subscriptions received from Co-operative Societies :

	£	s.	d.
Rochdale Equitable Pioneers' Society	21	0	0
Crewe Co-operative Friendly Society, Limited	5	5	0
Gateshead Industrial Co-operative Society, Limited ...	5	5	0
Jarrow and Hebburn Co-operative Society, Limited ...	5	5	0
Manchester and Salford Equitable Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Oldham Equitable Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Brighouse District Industrial Society.....	5	5	0
Dewsbury Industrial Pioneers' Society	5	5	0
The Great and Little Bolton Co-operative Society	5	5	0
Hebden Bridge Industrial Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Hebden Bridge Fustian Co-operative Society	3	3	0
Eccles Provident Industrial Co-operative Society, Ltd.	3	3	0
Doncaster Mutual Co-operative Industrial Society.....	2	2	0
Preston Industrial Co-operative Society, Limited	2	2	0
Sowerby Bridge Industrial Society	2	2	0
Sowerby Bridge Flour Society	2	2	0
Great Harwood Co-operative Society.....	2	2	0
Halifax Flour Society, Limited	2	2	0
Durham Co-operative Society	1	1	0
Luddenden Industrial Society	1	1	0
Prestwich Co-operative Society	1	1	0
Willington Co-operative Industrial Society, Limited...	1	1	0

Also from the Newbold Friendly Society, Rochdale ... 10 0 0

Audit.

Reference to the Balance Sheets, which have been duly audited by Mr. Robert Mansergh, honorary auditor, and Mr. A. B. S. Welch, professional auditor, will give detailed information with respect to the finances of the Institution. Besides carefully checking the books and vouchers, the auditors have also inspected the securities of the Sustentation Fund Investments, and their report, to which subscribers are referred, must be regarded as most satisfactory.

Honorary
Officers.

Cordial acknowledgment must be made of the services rendered by the Honorary Officers of the Institution. The Honorary Solicitors in particular have been consulted on several occasions, and their willing assistance has been much valued.

Improve-
ments.

Again the Committee have to report that many important improvements and alterations have been carried out during the past year under the supervision of the Clerk of Works. The fire-escape staircase at the north-east corner of the main building, recommended by the Commissioners in Lunacy, has been completed, and new emergency fire-extinguishers have been supplied and placed

ready for use in suitable positions throughout the Institution. Structural alterations have been made at Brunton House, in order to extend the accommodation for private patients there. These have consisted in the inclusion, by means of connecting corridors, of the wing of the house formerly occupied by the late Principal.

The Committee have satisfaction in announcing a decrease in the average cost of maintenance of each patient as compared with the cost of recent years. Reckoned upon the average number of patients, but including the upkeep of a large and skilled staff in addition to all office and administrative expenses, the cost has been 13s. 5½d. per week ; or, omitting the charges for building sundries, workshops, repairs, and furniture, 12s. 7½d. The amounts last year were 13s. 7¼d. and 12s. 9½d. respectively. Considering the constant repairs, alterations and improvements which are necessarily required to maintain so large an Institution in efficient working order, and to keep it abreast of modern ideas as to sanitation and equipment, this result must be regarded as most satisfactory, and as a proof of careful and economical management. At the same time, the benevolent purposes for which the Institution was originally founded have been kept steadily in view, and the progressive increase in the average number of patients under treatment will show that financial considerations have not in any way been permitted to restrict the scope of its operations.

Average
Weekly Cost
of
Maintenance.

The Commissioners in Lunacy, to whom the Institution continues to be indebted for much valuable advice and many useful practical suggestions, made their annual inspection on April 23rd. Their report was in all respects most satisfactory and appears *in extenso* in another place, but the following extract from it may be quoted here :

Visit of
Com-
missioners
in Lunacy.

"We have to-day visited all parts of the Institution and its dependencies, and can report that we found them in excellent order throughout—the day-rooms and dormitories being very bright and pleasant, and the bedding scrupulously clean."

It is reassuring to feel that the work which is being done continues to elicit their sympathy, and that the management of the Asylum merits their approval.

Brunton House.

Referring to Brunton House, several improvements have been effected at this important Branch of the Institution. The wing which was used as the residence of the late Principal has been included in and made continuous with the rest of the building by communicating corridors, and the rooms on the second floor have been altered and adapted to the requirements of patients. This has materially increased the number of beds, and there is now accommodation for about 30 inmates. Brunton House provides the retirement and comforts of a refined home, with the instruction, occupations, and amusements of a large public Institution. It is distant about a quarter of a mile from the Asylum, and possesses extensive private grounds. In view of the possible increase in the number of patients, and of the desirability of one of the Doctors residing there, the Committee have arranged for the provision of a suite of rooms for their Senior Assistant Medical Officer, who is now in residence; and who, in addition to his ordinary duties at the Institution, takes a practical interest in the welfare of the patients, and in all arrangements which make for their comfort, under the direct supervision of the Medical Superintendent. The Committee trust that the vacancies for private patients, created by the extension of Brunton House, will be filled at an early date, and they venture to remind the physicians and practitioners of the Seven Northern Counties that they have at their disposal, both there and at the Asylum, unrivalled facilities for the care and training of the feeble-minded of good social position.

Storey Home.

The Storey Home continues to be efficiently and economically conducted. Forty girls are in residence there, who are instructed by the Matron in the various branches of domestic work, including sewing and knitting, and the small laundry attached affords additional facilities for useful employment. Many of the girls are engaged during the day as helpers in the general housework of the Institution. Lady visitors to the Asylum find much to interest them in an inspection of the noble gift of the late Sir Thomas Storey.

Much useful work has been done in the admirably arranged Workshops during the year, and the Committee have again to record their deep sense of obligation to Mr. Herbert L. Storey for his handsome donation, which enabled them to equip the Institution with such useful and valuable premises. During the past year, it was found that a great deal of the printing work for the Institution, which was formerly done elsewhere, might be accomplished in the Asylum with the help of the patients. A printer-attendant was therefore engaged, and already this new departure has been sufficiently successful to warrant the Committee in contemplating the purchase of new printing machinery and accessories, for which there is ample room in the commodious and convenient workshop set apart for the purpose. It is confidently anticipated that a considerable saving in this direction will be effected.

Herbert Storey
Industrial
Schools and
Workshops.

The Committee have to record with deep satisfaction the incalculable value of the Ashton Wing to the Institution. There, those doubly afflicted inmates, the epileptic and the paralysed, find surroundings in comfort and brightness unrivalled in any voluntary Institution in the kingdom. The earnest hope which Lord Ashton expressed when he declared the building open, "that it might prove a blessing to that unfortunate class of humanity for the alleviation of whose affliction it was intended," has indeed been amply fulfilled.

Rodgett
Infirmary.

The Rodgett Infirmary has once more completed another year of excellent work, and the two chalets which were provided by the generosity of two members of the Central Committee, continue to be most useful. They are regularly occupied all through the summer and early autumn months, as well as at other times when the weather is sufficiently fine.

The Farm continues to be efficiently managed by Mr. William Orr, the Farm Bailiff, and during the year the produce supplied to the Asylum has been valued at £3,798, the items being as follows:—41,463 lbs. of beef, 12,269 lbs. of mutton; 522 lbs. of lamb; 17,168 lbs. of pork; 1,450 lbs. of veal; 207 fowls;

Farm.

41,953 gallons of milk; 19,229 eggs; 11,489 stones of potatoes; 412 stones of turnips; 17 stones of carrots; and 93 lbs. of fruit. The Asylum and Brunton House gardens have yielded produce to the amount of £228. The farm stock, crops and implements are valued annually by two experienced farmers of good standing.

Testimony of
Official
Visitors.

The following are official entries in the Visitors' Book :

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE WARRINGTON UNION :

" Pleased to find the inmates who are chargeable to the Warrington Union neatly attired, and well cared for. Desire also to acknowledge the courtesy of the officials in affording much useful information upon the methods adopted, and the kindness of Dr. Douglas in arranging for our inspection of this noble Institution."

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE LEEDS UNION :

" The Guardians have to report, as on all prior occasions, their entire satisfaction with all they have seen in this excellent Institution. The patients are evidently receiving every care and attention, and in some instances marked improvement is noticeable. The Guardians desire to record their appreciation of the courteous attention of Dr. Douglas and the staff generally."

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE HUNSLET UNION :

" Have visited the Asylum and found things in a splendid condition; the patients seem to be treated with every kindness. The officials we saw deserve our thanks, for the courteous way we were received and treated made it a pleasure we shall not forget."

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE OLDHAM UNION :

" We, the Guardians of the Oldham Union, have this day visited and inspected the patients in the Institution who are chargeable to such Union, and find that they appear to be well treated and in a very good state of health and cleanliness. We are in consequence well pleased with the attention bestowed upon the patients by the officers, and with the manner in which they are cared for. We tender our thanks to the Medical Superintendent for his courtesy extended to us."

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE SALFORD UNION :

" A deputation of Salford Guardians this day visited and inspected the patients in this Institution chargeable to their Union, and are pleased to record their approval of the condition of such patients and the general appearance of their surroundings. The deputation also wish to thank the Medical Superintendent for his courtesy and kindness in showing the Members over the Institution."

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE BLACKBURN UNION :

" A deputation of the Guardians of the Blackburn Union visited the Institution, and found the patients chargeable to the Union well cared for. The deputation were well pleased with the whole tone of the management of the Institution."

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE BARTON-UPON-IRWELL UNION :

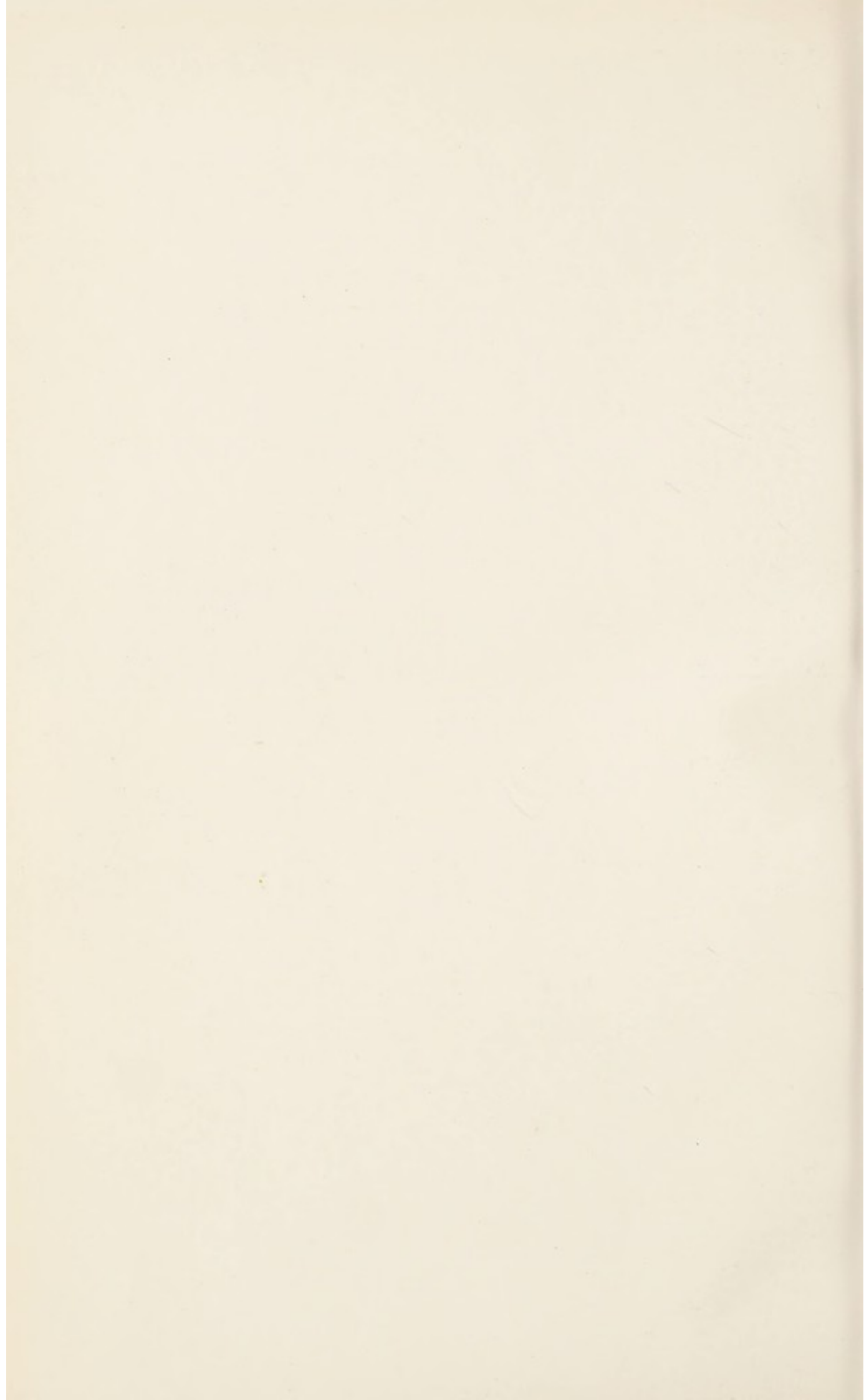
" Visited this Institution this day and find it in the same cleanly condition; the boys and girls appear healthy, happy and contented. The whole surroundings reflect credit on the management."



THE ASHTON WING.



THE RODGETT INFIRMARY



Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE HOLBECK UNION :

"The undersigned, a deputation of Guardians of the Holbeck Union, have to-day seen the three patients chargeable to their Union. The deputation are well satisfied with the care and attention the patients receive, and are very much pleased with all they have seen of the working and arrangements of this admirable Institution. They desire also to tender their thanks to Dr. Coupland for his courtesy and attention."

Deputation from the GUARDIANS OF THE SCULCOATES UNION :

"Have seen the children under care from Sculcoates Union, and are well pleased with them; also the Workshops, where the inmates are employed in various and most interesting work; also the Infirmary, which is in very clean and orderly condition and the inmates well cared for under a very kindly Matron and Assistant Medical Officer (Dr. Farries). The latter most graciously conducted us over the whole of the buildings, for which we wish to record our best thanks."

Many of the patients are allowed to go home for a month's holiday in August, and this has the advantage of keeping up family associations, and of enabling their relatives and friends to judge of the extent to which the children have improved during the twelve months. This year 135 inmates went home, and appended are a few reports selected from the total number received, which were all of a more or less satisfactory character :

Testimony of
Relatives and
Friends
of Patients.

(H. 2118.) "I thought you might care to know that I have just had F. home for a fortnight. I had to take him back last Tuesday, as I had to come to the above address on Wednesday. I am very delighted with the progress he has made within the last twelve months. He walks much better, he has a wonderful memory, and it is quite surprising the different events and scenes from his last holiday he spoke of. I am glad to say there was no repetition of temper, and all through he was very good. Poor little chap, he kept reminding me how good he had been, and that he would have a longer holiday next year; as last year, of course, I told him Miss L. (where I live) could not have him there if he was noisy. He seems in perfect health, and every one was delighted with his improvement."

(G. 2474.) "Mrs. G. and myself, besides numerous relatives and friends, all speak unanimously of the very marked improvement, after an absence of over 2 years, shown in M. R. G. One special feature of the training is shown by the habits of M., which are excellent. We all join in praising the Institution and its excellent staff under Dr. Douglas and Miss Siviour. I cannot close without specially mentioning Miss Bowyer, as her name has been a bye word in my house since M's arrival."

(P. 2513.) "I certainly see a great improvement in A., and hope that the treatment will continue for his benefit. I shall do all I can to help the Royal Albert in its good work."

(W. 2457.) "We all see a great improvement in H.; he talks a great deal better, and seems very much improved in his ways. We are quite pleased with him. Thanking you for your kindness."

(W. 2318.) "I write these few lines with great pleasure to say how well my son H. is getting on. I am sure he must have some very good friends at Lancaster Royal Albert Asylum that look after him and teach him to be so nice. We think that he gets better every year."

(W. 2493.) "I find a great alteration in my son; there is a great improvement in his talking, and I think his hearing is much better. I only hope the improvement will continue."

(C. 2367.) "I do feel thankful to you for the improvement that you are making in my son, B. C., and I trust the day is not far distant when he will be able to come home and work for his own living. Many thanks to all who take an interest in such a good Institution. May you be spared with good health and strength for a good number of years in the good work—for yours is a good work."

(H. 2503.) "With regard to my brother, E.H., I find him much improved both mentally and physically, and his general health and habits are also far better than they were 2 years ago. Pudsey people with whom he has come in contact during his stay are equally surprised at the marked change for the good. His relatives here have much to be thankful for."

(C. 2412.) "Glad to say my niece, A.H.C., is in good health and very much improved in every way, and I am very grateful for all the kind attention that has been paid to her."

(H. 2240.) "Mrs. H. would like to thank you for your great care of her son, and to say how very much she thinks him improved. His memory is wonderful considering he has not been home for 2 years."

(A. 2398.) "I am very pleased with the improvement of my daughter, A.A., in her health and habits. I am quite satisfied with her in every respect, for she is much more improved than I ever expected. She is very clean in her habits. Also the way she has grown, she is so stout and strong in every way."

(E. 2340.) "I cannot let this opportunity pass without expressing our thanks to one and all who have had the care, however trivial, of our son, from the lowest to the highest official connected with your grand Institution, and trust that I may before long obtain for you some regular subscribers. We have succeeded already this year in obtaining a few donations, and hope by Xmas to increase the amount."

(R. 1534.) "I am glad to find that my daughter, E.R., is still enjoying good health. We think her improving a little mentally, also in habits. We think she gets more staid as she gets older. We are pleased to think that she must be happy at the Royal Albert, as she comes back more cheerful year by year, for which we all feel profoundly thankful to you and all the Staff."

(P. 2375.) "As I stated in my letter last week, my Committee is much gratified at the improvement which is so apparent in the mental condition of T.P., and also very pleased at his general appearance. As one who has known him for nearly eight years, I beg to say that the results of your training have quite surpassed my expectations."

Royal
Commission
on the
Care and
Control of the
Feeble-
minded.

For some years past, the Committee have been strongly of opinion that it was very necessary for the State to introduce some legislation on behalf of the Feeble-minded, particularly with reference to their permanent care. We are constantly experiencing the difficulties which are met with in cases of well-trained patients, who, after being discharged from the Asylum, and not possessing friends who could judiciously and sympathetically supervise and help

them to become self-supporting, too often drift into the workhouse and the lunatic asylum. As the Royal Albert Asylum, while mainly a training Institution, is also a temporary Home for the more helpless cases of mental defect, the Central Committee, although regarding with regret the discharge of improved patients to less suitable environment, have invariably recognised the fact that, if such patients were retained after the expiration of their term of training, it would considerably limit the present object of the charity; which for a term of years relieves many a family from the burden of a mentally-afflicted child. The Royal Commission, which was sitting at the time of issue of the last Report, is still pursuing its investigations, and, when its enquiries are completed, the resulting recommendations will be anxiously awaited by all those interested in the care of the feeble-minded. In November last year, in response to a summons, the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Douglas, gave evidence before the Commission in London on behalf of the Asylum.

In concluding this Report, the Central Committee note with profound satisfaction the many signs of awakened public interest in the welfare and proper treatment of all classes of the Feeble-minded, and they trust that this may bring increased support from many who wish to help in the practical solution of this difficult problem, so that the Institution may be enabled fully to utilise its increased accommodation, and so to extend the scope of its beneficent operations. To its efficient and economical administration the particulars already given sufficiently testify, whilst the improvements from time to time reported show that no effort is spared to render its equipment as perfect as possible. It is with the firmest faith in the righteousness of their cause, and with full confidence in the continuance of the generous support which has hitherto been forthcoming, that the Committee venture once more to submit the claims of the Royal Albert Asylum to the sympathetic consideration of all who desire to further the noble work in which it is engaged.

JOHN T. HIBBERT,

CHAIRMAN.

Conclusion.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S GENERAL REPORT.

Mr. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

As Medical Superintendent of the Royal Albert Asylum, I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year ending June 30th, 1906.

Table of
Admissions,
Discharges,
and Deaths.

The following table shows the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during that year :

	Males.	Females	Total.
In the Asylum, June 30th, 1905	407	220	627
Admitted	73	32	105
Discharged	50	15	65
Died	7	10	17
Aggregate number under treatment	480	252	732
Average	402	225	627
Maximum number resident on any one day	423	227	650
In the Asylum, June 30th, 1906	423	227	650

Admissions.

The Admissions, on the whole, approached the average in degree of intelligence, but there were of course many amongst them from whom much improvement could not be reasonably expected. For such, all the Institution could do was to provide a comfortable home and to care for their health. Of the 105 patients admitted, 46 were elected by the subscribers; 38 were maintained in the Institution by their Unions; 19 were reduced-payment cases; 1 was a full-payment case; and 1 an associated case.

While we are glad to admit as many patients as possible who are capable of improvement, it must not be forgotten that the Royal Albert Asylum is a temporary Home for the lower grades of the feeble-minded, as well as a training establishment. Including the Ashton Wing, Brunton House and the Storey Home, there is now accommodation for 700 patients, and I am glad to avail myself of this opportunity of pointing out that in the main building, we are equipped with every facility for the reception of private patients.



STAGE IN THE WINMARLEIGH HALL.

The Discharges for the year ending June 30th, 1906, have been 65 in number, and the appended table shows the improvement obtained, and the numbers under each heading :

					Males.	Females.	Total.
Much improved	...	...	...	...	14	5	19
Moderately improved	...	...	...	...	11	2	13
Slightly improved	...	...	...	...	11	3	14
Not improved	...	...	...	...	14	5	19
					—	—	—
Total...	...	...	...	...	50	15	65

It is satisfactory once more to note that the largest number is of those who have been "much," "moderately," or "slightly improved," and that out of the 65 who have been discharged, only 19 have failed to benefit from treatment. We still hear occasionally from ex-patients who are partly able to make their own way in the world; two of them might be specially mentioned. One was a lad who, when here, was occupied in the bakehouse, and learnt the trade so thoroughly that he was able to pursue it after his discharge. During the year, this young man wrote to inform us that his clientèle had so increased, that he had been compelled to discard his old oven, and have a larger one substituted for it. The other youth came to see us a short time ago, and reported that he was making £1 a week at a dye works; and the boy who was described in last year's Report as having obtained employment with a local firm of tailors, is still working with them, and I learn has made upwards of 28 shillings per week during the busy time this summer. The larger number, however, drift from here at the expiry of their term of training into the workhouse or lunatic asylum, and it is for them that the urgent need for further legislation is required. It is hoped that this will be forthcoming as a result of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Care and Control of the Feeble-minded which is at present sitting. I was summoned to London to give evidence on behalf of the Institution, and attended for that purpose on November 17th last.

Although the number of deaths has been larger than during the period covered by the last Report, it must be remembered that the number of patients in the Institution has been greater. Seven boys and ten girls have died during the year, representing a percentage of 2·71 on the average number resident, and of 2·32 on the aggregate number under care. When the debilitated constitutions

Discharges.

Deaths.

of our patients, and their liability to contract diseases in more or less serious forms, are taken into consideration, the above death rate may be considered a fairly low one.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Heart Disease... ..	1	1	2
Tuberculosis	1	4	5
Scarlatina	1	0	1
Abdominal Abscess	0	1	1
Oedema of Larynx... ..	0	1	1
Chronic Infantile Paralysis... ..	1	0	1
Inflammation of Lungs	2	0	2
Necrosis of Jaw	0	1	1
Epilepsy	1	1	2
Cretinism and Marasmus	0	1	1
Total... ..	7	10	17

Infectious Disease.

I regret to report that the Institution has been visited by an epidemic of scarlatina, in which 26 cases occurred, and one boy unfortunately died. For the most part, the disease was mild in character, and all the other inmates that were attacked did well. Four patients suffered from mild attacks of chicken-pox, but made uncomplicated recoveries. Owing to our isolation department being occupied so long by these cases of infectious disease, a regrettable delay was thereby occasioned in admitting new patients, and the wisdom of the Chairman's suggestion that the Institution should be provided with a Reception House was again manifested.

Fresh Air, Physical and Military Drill.

With the above exceptions, the general health of the Institution as a whole has been well maintained. We make it a *sine qua non* that our patients spend a considerable proportion of their time in the fresh air, for which we have ample facilities in our extensive grounds. Outdoor games of all kinds are encouraged, and even our more delicate children are provided for in this respect under suitable conditions. Due importance continues to be attached to the efficacy of military and physical drill, the latter being as formerly carried out under medical supervision.

Epilepsy.

I have to report that at present there are in the Asylum 73 patients suffering from epilepsy in various forms. Although candidates afflicted with this disease are ineligible for admission, many patients develop it every year, with the result that the number in the Institution never undergoes much perceptible diminution. The Ashton Wing has again completed another year of excellent work, and it is

indeed almost impossible to overrate the great usefulness of this addition to the Asylum buildings. Similar accommodation is becoming necessary on the Female Side, as there the epileptic patients sleep in special dormitories, whilst during the day, having no living room and offices of their own, they are distributed in the various departments. Consequently, when a case of infectious disease occurs in a child who is subject to epilepsy, it is quite impossible to secure effective isolation without more or less interference with the general arrangements. It is a striking fact that since the opening of the Ashton Wing, the majority of the cases of infectious disease have occurred on the Female Side of the Asylum. The subjoined table gives a record of the actual number of fits which have occurred during the year covered by this Report :

SUMMARY OF EPILEPTIC FITS, YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1906.													
Class.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	Total.
Senior Boys	160	150	122	109	121	128	134	113	123	102	106	102	1470
Junior Boys	1	1	0	1	2	2	4	1	0	0	1	18	31
Girls... ..	37	41	40	33	99	45	34	31	36	24	61	12	493
Total ...	198	192	162	143	222	175	172	145	159	126	168	132	1994

Another year of useful work under greatly improved conditions has been accomplished in the handsome new Workshops, for which we are indebted to the generosity of Mr. Herbert L. Storey, a full description of these commodious and well-adapted premises having been given in last year's Report. From a medical standpoint, the patients working there have enjoyed a greater immunity from many of the disorders inseparably connected with their environment in the old workshops, which were dark and badly ventilated. The trades carried on are tailoring, printing, book-binding, mat and brush-making, basket-making, joinery, woodcarving, boot and shoe-making, sashcord-making, and hair-teasing. Great interest continues to be taken in the new Workshops by all official and other visitors to the Institution, and, as before, many of the articles of furniture, fittings, etc., used in the Asylum are the work of the inmates, whilst the baskets and brushes made by them command a ready sale. Recently, it was found desirable to dissociate the printing from the book-binding trade (both of which were formerly carried on in the one room), and to engage a printer-attendant, as it was

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hoped that it would soon be possible, with the assistance of patients, ourselves to undertake an increased portion of the printing which had hitherto been done elsewhere. This arrangement has been attended with such promising results that the Committee feel justified in contemplating the purchase of new printing machinery and accessories, which will enable work of a superior character to be turned out.

**Brunton
House.**

Many alterations have been effected at Brunton House, which is an important dependency of the Asylum. Quarry Hill (the Wing of Brunton House occupied by the late Principal) has been absorbed into the main building, thus affording increased accommodation for private patients. It was thought desirable that one of the Medical Staff of the Institution should reside there; consequently a suite of rooms has been provided for the Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Dr. Coupland, who is now in residence. This arrangement provides for competent medical supervision of the patients under my own immediate direction. We have now several vacancies at Brunton House for feeble-minded youths of the higher social grades, and means have already been taken to draw the attention of physicians and practitioners to the facilities we possess for the care and training of private patients. A Home like Brunton House, under the same administration as that of a large public Institution, has many advantages over the smaller private establishments, not the least being that it tends to mental expansion by the provision of more varied interests and a wider scope of life generally for its inmates. Before passing on to the next item of my Report, I would beg leave to record with regret the resignation of Miss Dora Studdert, who has been Matron of Brunton House for 19½ years. She leaves the service with our best wishes for her future.

**Adminis-
tration.**

With regard to the administration of the Asylum, I am glad to report that this has been carried out satisfactorily; and although changes have taken place in the junior ranks of the Staff (which are almost unavoidable in any large establishment of this kind), yet many remain with us who have been in the service for long periods and continue to shew examples of self-denying devotion to duty, and sympathetic regard for the well-being of the patients, which are almost beyond praise. In this connection, I ought to report that recently eleven members of the Staff received with much pride and gratification medals for length of service from the hands of the Chairman, who kindly presided over



THE STOREY HOME.



THE HERBERT STOREY INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS AND WORKSHOPS

what proved an interesting and pleasant little function. I cannot leave the subject of the administration without expressing my best thanks to Mr. Edward Storey (Vice-Chairman of the House Committee) for much sound advice in times of difficulty, and to record the kind, practical interest he takes in all that pertains to the well-being of the Institution.

Changes of an important nature have occurred in the Schools during the year. The Schoolmistress (Miss Burdett) resigned, and two of the Teachers have left, one of whom previously secured another appointment elsewhere. With the sanction of the Committee, I have completely reorganised the scholastic arrangements, the Boys' and Girls' Schools being conducted under separate management. Mr. B. Vere, who has been in the service as Teacher for twenty-one years, has been placed in charge of the former, and Mrs. Emily Pugh, who has held the post of Assistant Mistress for eleven years, has been promoted to supervise the latter. It was considered unnecessary to replace the three ladies who left; but it was deemed advisable to provide an Assistant Master for the Boys' School, and Mr. T. E. Spencer, who had had considerable previous experience, was appointed to the position. I have pleasure in stating that Mr. Spencer takes an earnest and intelligent interest in the work, and gives promise of being in every way fitted for his duties. Mr. A. T. Gallaway continues as Mr. Vere's other Assistant.

The Schools.

The Farm and Gardens continue to find employment for a large number of the older boys. At the Farmhouse, 14 strong, healthy lads are in residence, and make themselves useful to the Farm Bailiff in a variety of ways. Some assist the paid labourers in general work in the fields, such as weeding, manuring, etc., others are able to feed the stock and clean the farm yard, and a few can be trusted to milk and work with the horses. Much interest continues to be evinced by the boys who possess gardens of their own. It will be remembered that, two years ago, about a dozen small plots were laid out in one of the fields. The fortunate tenants of these work there in the evenings and shew with much pride the flowers, lettuces, radishes, etc., which they have grown, often presenting them to the favoured amongst their acquaintances.

Farm and
Gardens.

The Storey Home has 38 girls in residence, who are systematically trained by the Matron, Mrs. Smith, in the different kinds of useful domestic work. Many of them are

The Storey
Home.

occupied there during the day ; others assist in the general cleaning of the Institution, in the Nursery, and in the lower grade departments, thereby saving the cost of one or two extra paid employees. The Home is economically managed, and is much admired by all who visit the Institution.

**The Rodgett
Infirmary and
Chalets.**

The resources of the Rodgett Infirmary have again been somewhat severely taxed by the occurrence of the scarlet fever epidemic. The lower floor, or Hospital proper, has been of the greatest value in the treatment of the ordinary sick, and I have much pleasure in recording my appreciation of the excellent manner in which the Matron, Miss Helen M. M. Rasey (ably assisted by Miss May Williams) has discharged her onerous and trying duties. The Infirmary has been painted and decorated throughout, which has added considerably to its general appearance, to the comfort of the patients, and to the maintenance of its sanitary condition. The chalets which were kindly presented to the Institution by two members of the Committee, have again been most useful in our modified open-air "cure" of tuberculosis. They have been employed during the day in the treatment of patients suffering from all varieties of this disease with marked beneficial effect.

**Sanitary
Condition.**

I am glad to report that the general sanitary condition of the Institution and its branches is, on the whole, satisfactory, though in some respects open to improvement. The Committee may probably see their way at no distant date to substitute water carriage for the dry earth system in the conveniences attached to the boys' playground, and the question of providing some means of improved ventilation for the kitchen and bakehouse is now under consideration, which will obviate the tendency at present existing for the smell of cooking to pervade the central part of the building. The Dining Hall, and also the Winmarleigh Recreation Hall, would both be improved by the provision of electrically-driven exhaustion fans, which would materially assist in the better circulation of pure air through them.

In matters of this description, and also in others of a more or less technical character, the Institution is much indebted to Mr. Isaac H. Storey, who has again most kindly placed his extensive practical knowledge at the disposal of the Committee on many occasions,

It is with deep regret that I have to record the death of the Principal of the Institution, Mr. James Diggens, who passed away suddenly at his residence on the night of February 24th last. Up to the end of his life, he retained all his energy and deep interest in the cause of the Imbecile, notwithstanding ill health and advancing years. I can only voice the words of the Chairman, that Mr. Diggens's monument is our noble Institution itself, which owes so much to his zeal and ability for the prominent position it is enabled to occupy amongst Institutions of the same kind in the country. The Committee deemed it appropriate that the new building (now in course of erection, and of which full particulars will be found elsewhere in this Report) should form a lasting memorial of Mr. Diggens, and they therefore decided that it should bear the name of "The James Diggens Memorial Reception House."

Death of the Principal, and "The James Diggens Memorial Reception House."

The official changes which took place after the death of the Principal, including the one affecting myself, comprised the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. Samuel Keir in the post of Secretary, which was made in November last. Mr. Keir previously acted as Assistant to the Secretary, in which capacity he gained valuable information respecting the general routine of the work of this department, and he has proved himself, in every way, fitted to hold the position. Mr. E. B. Shaw, Senior Clerk in the late Principal's Office, was appointed Asylum Accountant last year, his extensive previous experience well qualifying him for this responsible position. Mr. E. M. Sutcliffe continues as Ladies' Association and Collecting Clerk, and Mr. Albert Macdonald competently discharges the duties of Steward.

Official Changes.

My colleague for the last seven years, Dr. William H. Coupland, was appointed Senior Assistant Medical Officer, and the Central Committee, with kind consideration, approved of the appointment of a Junior Assistant Medical Officer, thus enabling me to devote more time and attention to administrative details than would otherwise have been possible. For this latter post, Dr. John Stothart Farries was chosen. He came to us with excellent credentials, and has already proved himself to be an energetic and capable officer.

The Annual Picnic to Cockersand Abbey took place as usual, and the weekly entertainments throughout the winter months have consisted of dances, concerts, theatricals,

Annual Picnic and Christmas Festivities.

and a performance kindly given gratuitously by Mr. Clarke's excellent Juvenile Morris Dancers, which was much appreciated. Our grateful thanks are also due to our numerous friends who again contributed liberally in gifts of money, toys, books, or fruit for the Christmas Trees and the other Asylum festivities.

Conclusion.

Before closing this Report, I beg leave to heartily acknowledge the loyal and cordial co-operation I have experienced from all the Superior Officers and the Staff generally during the eventful year which has just passed. To Dr. Coupland, I am particularly indebted for the valuable assistance he has given me, and for the satisfactory manner in which he has conducted the business of the Asylum in my occasional absence. To the Secretary, Mr. Keir, the Accountant, Mr. Shaw, and the Steward, Mr. Macdonald, I wish to offer my best thanks for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties and for their courtesy to myself. I wish also to testify to my appreciation of the excellent services rendered to the Asylum by the Matron, Miss Siviour, and the Head Nurse, Miss Bowyer.

I beg most respectfully to express to the Central Committee, my deep sense of the honour they have conferred in appointing me to the responsible position of Medical Superintendent of this important Institution. It is with much gratitude that I recall the invariable kindness, consideration, and support extended to me during the ten and a half years I have had the privilege of serving under them as Assistant Medical Officer and Resident Medical Officer, and it will be my earnest endeavour as their Medical Superintendent, to promote the efficiency, and uphold the dignity, of the Royal Albert Asylum.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARCHIBALD R. DOUGLAS.



THE FARM HOUSE.



THE FARM BUILDINGS AND THE INSTITUTION.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LANCASTER, 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1906.

I have the honour to report that I have examined the Books of Account of the Royal Albert Asylum for the twelve months ended 30th June, 1906. Vouchers for all payments have been produced to me, and I certify that all my requirements as Auditor have been complied with. Correct summaries of the receipts and payments during the year are shewn in the accompanying Annual Statements. The Books have been kept with neatness and accuracy.

In Maintenance Account, increases in the receipts for Payments for Patients and Interest on Investments have been offset by a decrease in Donations. Legacies under 50 guineas, Annual Subscriptions and Farm Receipts have been somewhat less than in the previous year. On the expenditure side, working charges have been slightly reduced, notwithstanding an increase of 8 in the average number of patients.

The Estate and Buildings Improvement Account shews a further expenditure of £807 13s. 4d.

Two new accounts appear in the Annual Statements. The James Diggens Memorial Reception House Account has been opened in order to perpetuate the memory of the devoted and successful services of the late Principal. A Sinking Fund Account has been established to provide for the premium paid on purchase of certain Colonial Government Stocks which in a few years' time will be repayable at par.

The Sustentation Fund Account has received Legacies £2,047 os. 8d., Donation £40, and a Life Interest Payment £550. The Investments have been augmented by the purchase of £2,200 Local Loans 3 per cent. Stock. In company with the Honorary Auditor, Mr. Robert Mansergh, I have examined the Deeds and Certificates representing the Investments, and found them to be in proper order.

A. B. S. WELCH,
AUDITOR.

30th 1905

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

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ACCOUNT,

to June 30th, 1906.

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Expenditure.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Expenses of General Annual Meeting at Leeds, Meeting at Southport, and of Local Committees, &c.		207	4	4			
„ Expenses of Election at Southport		46	2	5			
„ Printing 5,400 Forty-first Annual Report, Reports of Meetings, Appeals, Pamphlets, Books of Account, and General Printing and Stationery		262	5	2			
„ General Advertising		21	9	3			
„ Postage of Letters, Annual Reports, Subscription Lists, Voting Papers, Appeals, Pamphlets, &c.		125	1	9			
„ Offices (Lancaster and Manchester), Rent, Rates, Telegrams, Carriage, and Petty Cash Sundries		137	17	5			
					800	0	4
Salaries, Wages, and Travelling { Offices £912 5s. 4d. } Expenses { Asylum £7,868 4s. 9d. }		8,780	10	1			
„ Provisions { Purchased £2,406 10s. 3d. } { From Farm £3,798 2s. 4d. } { From Garden £228 15s. 6d. }		6,433	8	1			
„ Necessaries: Coals		1,716	6	7			
Gas		108	9	7			
Water		357	2	1			
General		258	0	3			
„ Clothing		1,210	11	11			
„ Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c.		169	2	10			
„ Asylum Printing and Stationery		37	1	2			
„ Asylum Postage		10	0	3			
„ Insurance		108	3	6			
„ Maintenance Sundries		598	7	7			
„ Workshops and Repairs		772	1	5			
„ Building Sundries		23	4	0			
„ Furniture: General		184	13	11			
Ironmongery		34	12	10			
Bedding		252	1	6			
House Linen		32	3	5			
Crockery and Sundries		43	15	0			
					21,129	16	0
„ Property Expenses					60	19	2
„ Bank Commission, &c.					36	0	2
„ Grounds and Garden Expenses £442 2 6							
Less value of Produce:							
Supplied to the Asylum ... £228 15 6							
Sold 0 18 0							
		229	13	6			
		£212	9	0			
„ Estate and Buildings Improvement Account					212	9	0
„ Sinking Fund Account					1,850	0	0
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1906					50	0	0
					1,029	16	10
					£25,169	1	6

ESTATE AND BUILDINGS

Dr.

From June 30th, 1905,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1905	1,224	18	2
„ Bank Interest	6	13	4
„ Maintenance Account	1,850	0	0

Audited and found correct.—27th September, 1906.

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

ROBERT MANSERGH, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

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SUSTENTATION FUND

Dr.

From June 30th, 1905,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1905				212	3	9
„ Legacies	2,047	0	8			
„ Donation	40	0	0			
„ Life Interest Payment	550	0	0			
				2,637	0	8

Audited and found correct.—27th September, 1906.

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

ROBERT MANSERGH, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

£2,849 4 5

THE JAMES DIGGENS MEMORIAL

Dr.

From April 21st, 1906,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Donations	561	2	0
„ Bank Interest	1	3	9

Audited and found correct.—27th September, 1906.

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

ROBERT MANSERGH, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

£562 5 9

SINKING FUND

Dr.

From June 30th, 1905,

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
To Maintenance Account: Proportion of Interest on Redeemable Colonial Government Stocks	50	0	0
„ Bank Interest	0	0	3

Audited and found correct.—27th September, 1906.

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

ROBERT MANSERGH, Lancaster, Honorary Auditor.

£50 0 3

IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT,
to June 30th, 1906.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Playgrounds... ..	384	14	0
„ Emergency Staircase... ..	305	18	0
„ Electric Fans, &c.	41	18	4
„ Laundry Machinery	38	10	0
„ Water Main to Farm Fields	36	13	0
„ Bank Commission	1	0	10
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1906	2,272	17	4
	<u>£3,081</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>

ANNUAL ACCOUNT,
to June 30th, 1906.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Investments:—						
£1,200 Local Loans 3 per cent. Stock	1,194	4	6			
£1,000 Local Loans 3 per cent. Stock	996	6	0			
				2,190	10	6
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1906				658	13	11
				<u>£2,849</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>

RECEPTION HOUSE ACCOUNT,
to June 30th, 1906.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1906	562	5	9
	<u>£562</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>

ACCOUNT

to June 30th, 1906.

Cr.

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
By Balance at Lancaster Bank, June 30th, 1906 —	50	0	3
	<u>£50</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>

SUMMARY OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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

FROM DISTRICTS WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD.										Donations.		Annual Subscriptions.	
										£	s. d.	£	s. d.
LANCASTER (1)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36509	17 4	251	15 0
LIVERPOOL (2)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11896	6 9	329	2 6
MANCHESTER (3)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11332	5 9	399	15 11
BRADFORD (4)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10506	7 8	268	4 6
PRESTON (5)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9279	7 8	23	12 6
ROCHDALE (6)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7353	1 4	138	12 6
WESTMORLAND (7)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6628	14 0	200	2 6
HALIFAX (8)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6187	4 2	387	5 11
LEEDS (9)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5730	18 11	146	3 0
CUMBERLAND (CARLISLE, &c.) (10)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5722	11 8	294	15 11
CHESHIRE (11)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5626	5 5	439	17 0
SHEFFIELD (12)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3512	12 1	82	0 6
OLDHAM (13)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3313	15 0	43	0 6
YORK (14)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2801	2 7	61	3 9
DURHAM (COUNTY)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2775	16 8	391	19 6
NORTH LONSDALE (ULVERSTON, BARROW, &c.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2643	12 8	18	6 6
BURY (15)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2146	2 6	40	6 6
BOLTON (16)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2026	7 10	106	16 6
BLACKBURN (17)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1833	15 0	7	17 6
HUDDERSFIELD	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1658	16 11	123	11 6
SETTLE...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1477	12 11	13	8 0
NORTHUMBERLAND	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1465	6 8	135	3 0
SKIPTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1288	0 2	7	7 0
SOUTHPORT...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1137	13 6	32	13 6
BURNLEY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1148	0 7	41	0 6
WAKEFIELD (18)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	993	14 7	6	6 0
KEIGHLEY	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	871	2 0	5	5 0
WARRINGTON	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	765	2 6	5	5 0
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	672	17 0	15	4 6
WIGAN	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	528	4 6	30	5 0
ROTHERHAM	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	387	8 6	3	3 0
SCARBOROUGH	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	366	14 10	4	14 6
ST. HELENS	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	295	12 6	3	3 0
HULL	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	276	4 8	7	17 6
DONCASTER...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	184	4 9	19	8 6

June 30th, 1906.

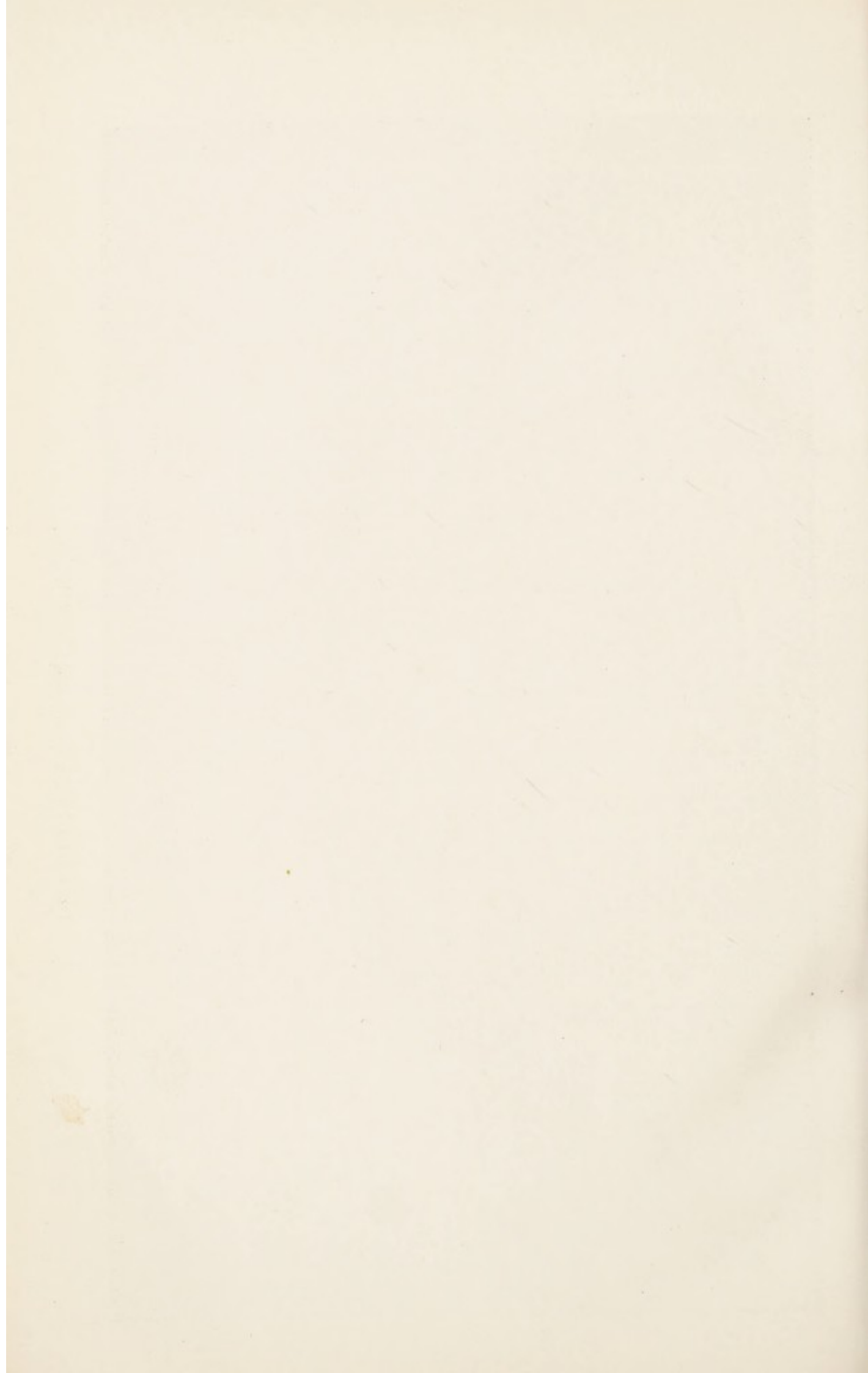
SAMUEL KEIR, SECRETARY.

- (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., and £525 from Mrs. E. Howard Dawson (now Mrs. Hayes.) 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 £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 Leeds Donations include £1105 from Messrs. Joshua Tetley and Son; £700 from the late Sir Andrew Fairbairn, Knt.; £525 from the late Arthur Lupton, Esq., and the late Mrs. Arthur Lupton; and £500 from the late Miss Dawson, of Bramhope Manor, Otley.
- (10) The Cumberland Donations include £525 from the late Thomas Ainsworth, Esq., Cleator; and £500 from the Right Hon. Lord Muncaster.
- (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.



CASES OF IMPROVEMENT.

ILLUSTRATIVE OF REPORT,

JUNE 30TH, 1906.

BOYS.

A. (2119.) When admitted in October, 1899, at the age of eight, knew a few letters, could make a few letters, count a little, knew a few coins, and hours I and II of the clock.

Can now read easy primer, write easy dictation, do easy addition sums; knows all weights, most coins, hours, half-hours, and some quarters on the clock; knows most sensations of touch, taste and smell, and can answer well in object lessons.

B. (2202.) When admitted in November, 1900, at the age of eleven, knew one or two letters, counted a little, wrote a few letters from copy, but was otherwise very deficient.

Can now read fairly, though rather slowly, write well, do dictation and composition, recognise most sensations of taste, smell and touch, answer intelligently in object and other lessons, tell time correctly, recognise all the coins and weights, and calculate fairly well. He has much improved in general knowledge, can stitch books for binding, and is otherwise useful in the printing and bookbinding department.

C. (2209) When admitted in November, 1900, read easy words of three letters, wrote indifferently, worked easy sums in addition and subtraction, recognised a few coins, knew the hours and quarters.

Can now read well, write well, do dictation, composition and letter writing, draw fairly well, measure with ruler and liquid measures, tell the time correctly, recognise all the coins and weights, calculate well and drill well. He has become much more intelligent, is a good messenger, and a useful lad in the garden.

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

Can now read well, write fairly well, do dictation, letter writing and composition, work sums in addition, subtraction and multiplication, recognise most sensations of taste, smell and touch. He has much improved in general knowledge.

E. (2434.) When admitted in September, 1903, at the age of ten, knew a few words of two letters, wrote very indifferently, counted a little, knew a penny, and recognised one or two sensations of taste, smell and touch.

Can now read class reader fairly well, do dictation, write letters to his friends, work sums in all simple rules, draw well, recognise most sensations of taste, smell and touch, drill well, and recognise all coins and weights. He is a fairly intelligent lad, is a good messenger, and is doing well in elementary woodwork.

F. (2444.) When admitted in October, 1903, at the age of eleven, knew the letter O, wrote one or two easy letters from copy, counted a little, and knew one or two coins.

Can now read fairly well, do dictation and composition, write letters to his friends, tell the time fairly well, and recognise most coins and weights. He has improved in general knowledge, and is learning tailoring.

GIRLS.

G. (2412.) When admitted in October, 1903, at the age of fifteen, could read very small words but did not know all letters, could copy words from board, knew value of units, hours of clock, a few coins, and could sew and knit a little.

Can now read class reader, do dictation, write a letter with a little help, do the first four rules in arithmetic; can knit stockings, darn, tell the time correctly, and knows all weights and coins; can calculate a little, answers well in object lessons, can measure with a ruler, and do book stitching.

H. (2385.) When admitted in April, 1903, at the age of eighteen, could read an easy reader, do easy dictation, simple addition sums, knit and sew a little, knew hours and quarters of clock, and could calculate a little.

Can now read class reader, do harder dictation, write a letter without help, and do money sums; can tell the time correctly, calculate well, measure with a ruler, knit stockings, darn, and do book stitching. She is also useful in domestic work.

I. (2481.) When admitted in June, 1904, at the age of fifteen, could read small words, write easy words, knew the value of units, a few coins, and could knit and sew a little, but knew nothing of clock.

Can now read class reader, do dictation, write a letter with a little help, do addition and subtraction sums; can knit stockings, darn well, tell the time to five minutes, knows all weights and coins, and calculates a little; can answer well in object lessons, measure with a ruler, and is very useful in domestic work—scrubbing, bed-making, dusting, washing-up, etc.

J. (2520.) When admitted in October, 1904, at the age of fifteen, knew words of two letters, could write fairly, but was not able to take down dictation; knew value of units, could hem a little and knit, and was attentive to object lessons; knew one or two hours of the clock, and a few coins.

Can now read the class reader, do dictation and easy composition, and write a letter with help; can do the first four rules in arithmetic, knit stockings, darn, sew fairly well, and is learning book stitching. She also knows the time to five minutes, weights and coins, and can calculate a little.

SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly School Reports.

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS.				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Low Grade Boys.	3. Junior Boys.	4. Girls.	
	128	27	45	138	338
I. SPEECH.					
1. Make no attempt	0	0	3	4	7
2. Make some attempt	3	6	10	3	22
3. Make a few articulate sounds	4	3	2	5	14
4. Speak indistinctly	23	7	10	20	60
5. Speak fairly	43	9	7	30	89
6. Speak well	55	2	13	76	146
					338
II. READING.					
1. Know no letters or words	14	13	32	49	108
2. Know a few letters... ..	14	9	4	32	59
3. Know at sight a few words	11	0	1	2	14
4. Know all the letters	5	3	5	11	24
5. Read easy words and spell them ...	39	2	2	20	63
6. Read fairly*	45	0	1	24	70
<i>* 77 Patients read books alone for amusement.</i>					338
III. WRITING.					
1. Do nothing but scribble	17	17	21	25	80
2. Form strokes, &c., on slate	9	9	5	20	43
3. Do. do. in copy-book	7	1	5	14	27
4. Form letters in copy-book	5	0	10	23	38
5. Write easy words in copy-book ...	36	0	4	26	66
6. Write fairly*	54	0	0	30	84
<i>* 62 Patients write letters home with assistance and 46 without assistance.</i>					338
<i>523 Letters have been written and sent home during the past year.</i>					
IV. ARITHMETIC.					
1. Cannot count at all	9	11	19	28	67
2. Count a little	14	10	7	36	67
3. Count up to 30	12	5	7	30	54
4. Understand value of unit figures ...	19	1	11	10	41
5. Work simple addition sums	40	0	1	22	63
6. Work easy sums in simple rules* ...	34	0	0	12	46
<i>* 16 Patients work sums in the compound rules.</i>					338

SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS OF PATIENTS—continued.

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS.				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Low Grade Boys.	3. Junior Boys.	4. Girls.	
V. CLOCK LESSON.	128	27	45	138	338
1. Know neither hours nor minutes ...	30	20	33	72	155
2. Know some of the hours	17	5	7	27	56
3. Know all the hours	22	2	2	20	46
4. Know the hours and quarters ...	13	0	2	7	22
5. Do. do. and 5 minutes	21	0	0	5	26
6. Can tell the time to a minute ...	25	0	1	7	33
					338
VI. SHOP LESSON.					
1. Know no coins nor weights... ..	19	12	22	47	100
2. Know a few coins	39	13	12	36	100
3. Do. do. and weights	30	1	9	28	68
4. Know all the coins and some weights	15	1	2	17	35
5. Know all the coins and weights and calculate a little	19	0	0	4	23
6. Do. do. and calculate fairly ...	6	0	0	6	12
					338
VII. COLOUR LESSON.					
1. Know no colours	12	13	24	49	98
2. Know black and white	9	4	2	6	21
3. Know one or two simple colours ...	20	4	12	25	61
4. Know all the simple colours	31	4	2	23	60
5. Do. do. and some compound shades	49	2	5	20	76
6. Know and can match most compound shades	7	0	0	15	22
					338
VIII. MUSIC.					
1. No interest in musical sounds	0	0	2	5	7
2. Attentive to do. do.	22	10	28	52	112
3. Sing by ear simple tunes without words	44	14	6	31	95
4. Do. do. with words	56	3	9	50	118
5. Rudimentary knowledge of musical symbols	6	0	0	0	6
6. Play from do. do.	0	0	0	0	0
					338
IX. DRILL.					
1. Have no idea of drill	0	2	10	28	40
2. Stand at attention when told	32	25	2	4	63
3. Perform simple movements of limbs	31	0	12	29	72
4. Go through extension movements fairly	30	0	5	25	60
5. Do. do. do. well, and march	23	0	5	12	40
6. Do. do. do. to music	12	0	11	40	63
					338*

* 34 Senior Boys and 56 Junior Boys are instructed in Swedish drill, 24 in Military Drill and Free Gymnastics.

June 30th, 1906.

A. R. DOUGLAS,
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.



STOREY HOME DINING ROOM.



INDUSTRIAL OCCUPATIONS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly Return of the Trade Instructors, Chief Attendant, and Head Nurse. It must be understood that the occupations are progressive, in order of difficulty; occupation in a higher grade usually implying familiarity with the lower grades.

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.		Number employed in each grade, and quality of work.				Total number employed.
Grades of Work.		Indifferent.	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	
I. SASH-CORD MAKERS AND UPHOLSTERERS.						12 Hair Pickers, &c.
1. Picking Hair, Wool, &c.	0	4	6	0	10	{
2. Palliasse and Mattress making	0	0	0	0	0	
3. Sash-cord making	0	1	1	0	2	
II. SHOEMAKERS.						13 Shoemakers.
1. Preliminary Work	2	3	1	0	6	{
2. Stitching Backs	0	1	0	0	1	
3. Closing Sides	0	0	1	2	3	
4. Patching and Nailing	0	0	0	0	0	
5. Repairing	0	1	0	0	1	
6. Bottoming (making)	0	1	1	0	2	
III. BASKET-MAKERS.						15 Basket-makers.
1. Making Basket Bottoms	5	0	0	0	5	{
2. Filling Sides	0	0	1	0	1	
3. Upsetting and Waling	0	0	4	0	4	
4. Bordering and Finishing	0	1	0	2	3	
5. Cane-seating	0	1	0	1	2	
IV. JOINERS AND CABINET-MAKERS.						14 Cabinetmakers.
1. Preliminary Work... ..	1	3	2	0	6	{
2. Making simple boxes, &c.	0	2	1	0	3	
3. Making furniture	0	0	2	3	5	
V. WOOD-CARVERS AND JOINERS.						17 Joiners.
1. Preliminary Work (use of tools) ...	0	0	0	0	0	{
2. Planing at Bench	0	3	0	0	3	
3. Making frames	0	0	0	0	0	
4. Making simple boxes, &c.	0	0	2	2	4	
5. Wood Carving... ..	5	2	1	2	10	

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.		Number employed in each grade, and quality of work.				Total number employed.
Grades of Work.		Indifferent.	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	
VI. BRUSH AND MAT MAKERS.						16 Brush, &c., Makers.
1. Mat-making: filling	1	3	1	1	6	{
2. do. finishing... ..	0	0	0	3	3	
3. Brushmaking: drawing	1	1	2	1	5	
4. do. setting	0	0	1	0	1	
5. do. finishing	0	1	0	0	1	
VII. PRINTERS AND BOOK-BINDERS.						5 Printers, &c.
1. Learning case	1	0	1	0	2	{
2. Setting type	0	0	0	0	0	
3. Printing	0	0	1	0	1	
4. Stitching books, &c.	0	1	0	0	1	
5. Bookbinding	0	0	0	0	0	
6. Finishing	0	0	1	0	1	
VIII. TAILORS.						12 Tailors.
1. Preliminary Work	3	2	0	0	5	{
2. Sewing Linings	0	1	1	0	2	
3. Do. Seams	0	1	0	0	1	
4. Felling	0	1	1	0	2	
5. Making Garments	0	1	0	0	1	
6. Machining	0	0	1	0	1	
IX. GARDENING.						20 Gardeners.
1. Preliminary work in weeding class ...	4	9	0	0	13	{
2. Barrow filling and emptying	0	1	0	0	1	
3. Weeding amongst crops	0	1	1	0	2	
4. Picking peas, fruits, &c.	0	0	2	0	2	
5. Digging	0	0	1	0	1	
6. Potato-setting, &c.(can also dig)... ..	0	0	0	1	1	
X. OUT-DOOR WORK.						
Miscellaneous Work under Labour Master	7	2	0	0	*9	
XI. FARMING.						13 Farm Boys.
1. Preliminary work—weeding, &c... ..	0	0	0	0	0	{
2. Cleaning yards, shippens, &c.	0	1	3	0	4	
3. Feeding stock	0	0	0	2	2	
4. Weeding amongst crops (Hoe)	0	0	0	0	0	
5. Work with Horses and Carts	0	2	2	2	6	
6. Milking, &c	0	0	0	1	1	

* Others employed during hay-time, &c.

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.	Number employed in each grade, and quality of work.				Total number em- ployed
Grades of Work.	Indif- ferent.	Fair.	Good.	Ex- cellent.	
XII. MISCELLANEOUS OCCUPATIONS.					
1. Shoe-cleaning	0	2	3	1	6
2. Corridor-cleaning and Ward-work ...	3	2	3	5	13
3. Laundry-work—mangling, &c.	3	6	2	2	13
4. Store-work and Kitchen and Dairy ...	1	3	7	5	16
5. Assisting Stoker	0	0	0	1	1
6. Assisting Baker	1	1	2	4	8
7. Employed in Office	0	0	1	0	1
					58 miscellaneous employed.

Total number of Senior Boys employed in Industrial Occupations 204.

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

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

6 Junior Boys are taught knitting, 16 do Kindergarten work, and 9 make beds.

OCCUPATIONS OF GIRLS.	No. employed in each occupation, and quality of work.				Total number em- ployed.
Chief kinds of Occupation.	Indif- ferent.	Fair.	Good.	Ex- cellent.	
1. Sweeping, dusting, &c.	0	1	5	7	13
2. Bed-making	0	12	6	7	25
3. Scrubbing and general house-work ...	0	0	12	13	25
4. Laundry-work	0	0	2	10	12
5. *Sewing and knitting					
Storey Home for Girls—					
† Scrubbing and house-work	11	8	6	12	37
					112

* In School 12 Girls are engaged in preliminary work with needle, 17 hem, 21 sew fairly, 26 sew well, 83 knit, and 48 darn.

† At the Storey Home all the Girls sew and knit, 4 use the sewing machine, 10 wash, and 16 can bake.

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WORK DONE IN SHOPS, &c.

Department.	Made.	Repaired	Department.	Made.	Repaired
TAILORS.			GIRLS' WORKROOM AND WARDROBE.		
Coats	250	29	Aprons	91	253
Trousers	356	83	Blouses	25	12
Vests	250	25	Bonnets	36	...
Loose Linings... ..	597	...	Chemises	144	1959
Overcoats	6	8	Collars ... ..	...	1598
	1459	145	Drawers	121	4126
TAILORESSES.			Dresses	40	3320
Coats	18	5004	Feeders ... ..	...	491
Overcoats ... ..	...	137	Flannel Petticoats	84	1939
Trousers	18	9889	Flannel Vests	6	2275
Vests	18	2504	Hoods ... ..	...	372
	54	17534	Jackets ... ..	...	46
SHOEMAKERS.			Nightdresses	44	5316
Boots (pairs)	678	3806	Pinafores	229	6956
			Shirts ... ..	...	2193
UPHOLSTERER.			Skirts	59	867
Bolsters ... ..	...	141	Stays ... ..	...	725
Mats	76	21		879	32448
Mattresses... ..	8	727	LINEN ROOM.		
Palliassees ... ..	...	42	Bed Protectors	58	49
	84	931	Bolster Slips... ..	42	1748
BOYS' WARDROBE.			Blankets... ..	...	759
Aprons ... ..	...	2175	Blinds	11	2
Blouses ... ..	...	42	Counterpanes	161	1865
Braces ... ..	...	64	Curtains... ..	11	153
Caps ... ..	...	237	Dinner Napkins	1	193
Collars ... ..	...	4835	Mackintoshes	152	56
Drawers ... ..	...	5399	Pillow Slips	70	1340
Flannel Vests ... ..	...	2531	Sheets	266	3837
Jackets, Linen... ..	...	933	Table Cloths... ..	52	899
Jerseys ... ..	...	27	Toilet Covers	4	255
Nightshirts ... ..	...	5067	Tea Cloths	104	256
Shirts ... ..	...	8070	Towels	201	704
Socks and Stockings ... ..	...	9540		1133	12116
	...	38920	PLUMBERS.		
GIRLS' SCHOOL.			All Plumbing, Glazing, and Smiths' work		
Aprons	48	...	CARPENTERS.		
Chemises	54	...	All Joinery, Carpentry, Making and		
Drawers	36	...	Repairing Furniture, &c.		
Pinafores	77	...	PAINTER.		
Bolster and Pillow Slips..	115	...	Painting, Colouring, Limewashing, and		
	330	...	Jobbing.		
			LAUNDRY.		
			Number of Pieces Washed :—		
			Sheets	50,245	
			Pinafores	35,202	
			Nightshirts	26,178	
			Nightdresses	25,914	
			Other Articles	460,117	
				597,656	

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SHOEMAKERS' SHOP.



BASKETMAKERS' SHOP.



STATISTICS AS TO PATIENTS.

CONDITION OF PATIENTS discharged during year.

"Relieved"					Males.	Females.	Total.
	Much improved	...	...	...	14	5	19
	Moderately improved	...	...	...	11	2	13
	Slightly improved	...	...	...	11	3	14
	Not improved	...	...	...	14	5	19
					50	15	65

ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS, from December 14th, 1870, to June 30th, 1906.

Total Number of Admissions	...	...	...	2663
Total Number of Discharges	...	...	...	1502
Total Number of Deaths	...	...	...	511
In Institution on June 30th, 1906	...	...	...	650
				<u>2663</u>

RESULTS OF TRAINING of all Discharged Patients.

Much Improved	...	...	...	396 or 26.36 per cent.
Moderately Improved	...	...	...	532 or 35.42 "
Slightly Improved...	...	...	...	363 or 24.17 "
				<u>1291 or 85.95 "</u>
Not Improved	...	...	...	211 or 14.05 "
Total	...	...	...	<u>1502 or 100.00 "</u>

AGES OF PATIENTS who have resided in the Asylum, and of those who have died, during the fifty-two weeks included in the Resident Medical Officer'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	42	23	65	1	1	2
10 " 15 "	119	59	178	1	4	5
15 " 20 "	160	97	257	3	3	6
20 and upwards	159	73	232	2	2	4
	480	252	732	7	10	17

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY.

THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM,
April 23rd, 1906.

In commencing the report of our visit to this Institution to-day, we much regret to have to record the great loss it has sustained by the death of Mr. James Diggins, who for forty years was identified with its work and the extension of its beneficent purpose.

We are glad to hear that it is proposed to erect as a Memorial of his long service a Reception House, in which incoming patients can be quarantined for some time after admission as a precaution against the introduction of infection. This building, the plans of which have been approved by our Board, will, we understand, be shortly commenced, and cannot fail to prove a valuable addition to the Asylum.

We have to-day visited all parts of the Institution and its dependencies, and can report that we found them in excellent order throughout—the day-rooms and dormitories being very bright and pleasant, and the bedding scrupulously clean.

We are informed that the external staircase recommended at previous visits by members of our Board has been ordered and will shortly be erected. We can also report that the Boys' Playground has been asphalted in pursuance of our colleagues' suggestion.

There are now on the books the names of 393 males and 224 females. Of these, two boys were on leave, and one out with his friends for the day.

We have seen all the rest, with the exception of one boy convalescing from scarlatina, and another boy and 17 girls who, having been in contact with the case, were quarantined. The condition of the patients as regards dress and personal tidiness was satisfactory.

As regards employment, 50 per cent of the total patients are usefully occupied, and we saw many engaged at their work in the admirably-planned workshops connected with the Institution.

Twenty-one of the inmates were to-day in bed, including four patients occupying the revolving châteaux for the treatment of consumptive cases.

Of the total patients, 11·2 per cent. suffer from epilepsy.

From a return furnished to us, we learn that about 66 per cent. attend the associated entertainments, and 17·2 per cent. are present at Divine Service on Sunday.

Since our colleagues' visit in February, 1905, 80 patients have been admitted; 52 discharged; and 20 have died.

As regards the deaths, in no case did a bed-sore exist, and in 3 cases p.m. examinations were made—one of these being on a patient who died from the effects of a scald. In this case an inquest was held, and the circumstances were fully reported to our Board at the time. The other deaths were due to natural causes.

The non-fatal casualties were not of a serious character—the only case of a fracture being one of a metacarpal bone.

With regard to zymotic disease, there was in October last an outbreak of scarlet fever on the female side, resulting in the death of one child—most of the 24 cases being of a mild type. Last month the boy—previously mentioned as convalescent—was attacked, but no other cases have up to this date occurred. There have also been five cases of chicken-pox.

There is no record of the use of mechanical restraint or seclusion.

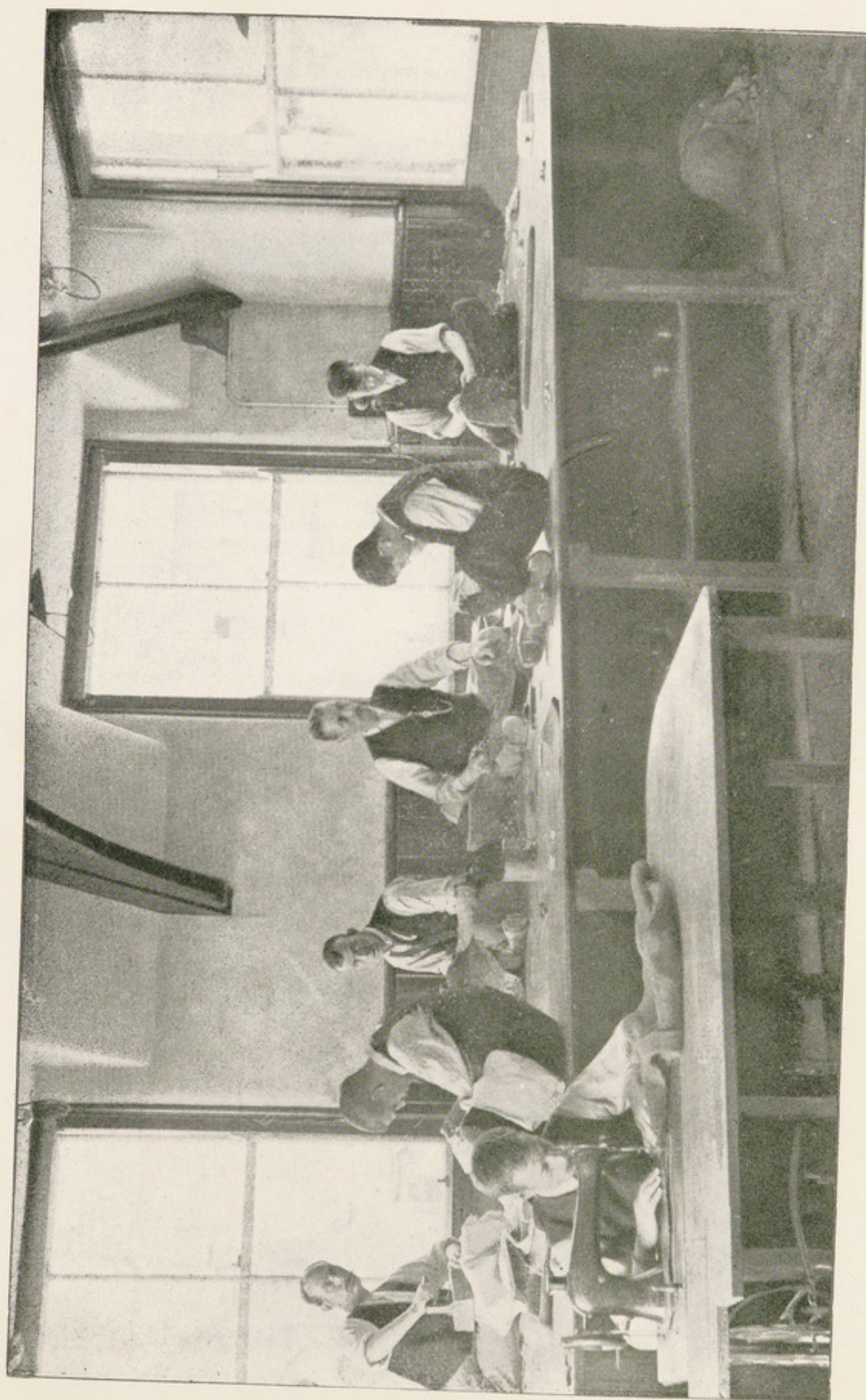
Of the total patients, 395 are Private cases, and 222 Pauper.

Of these 43 per cent. are election cases who are admitted free. The others pay 25 guineas a year and upwards—the average maintenance cost being about £35 per annum.

These figures testify to the considerable amount of charitable work done by the Asylum.

The Staff of Teachers and Attendants is maintained at adequate strength. Mr. S. Keir has succeeded Mr. Diggins as Secretary—Dr. Douglas being appointed Medical Superintendent. We learn that a second Assistant Medical Officer will shortly be appointed.

HARDINGE F. GIFFARD,	} Commissioners in Lunacy.
SIDNEY COUPLAND,	



TAILORS.

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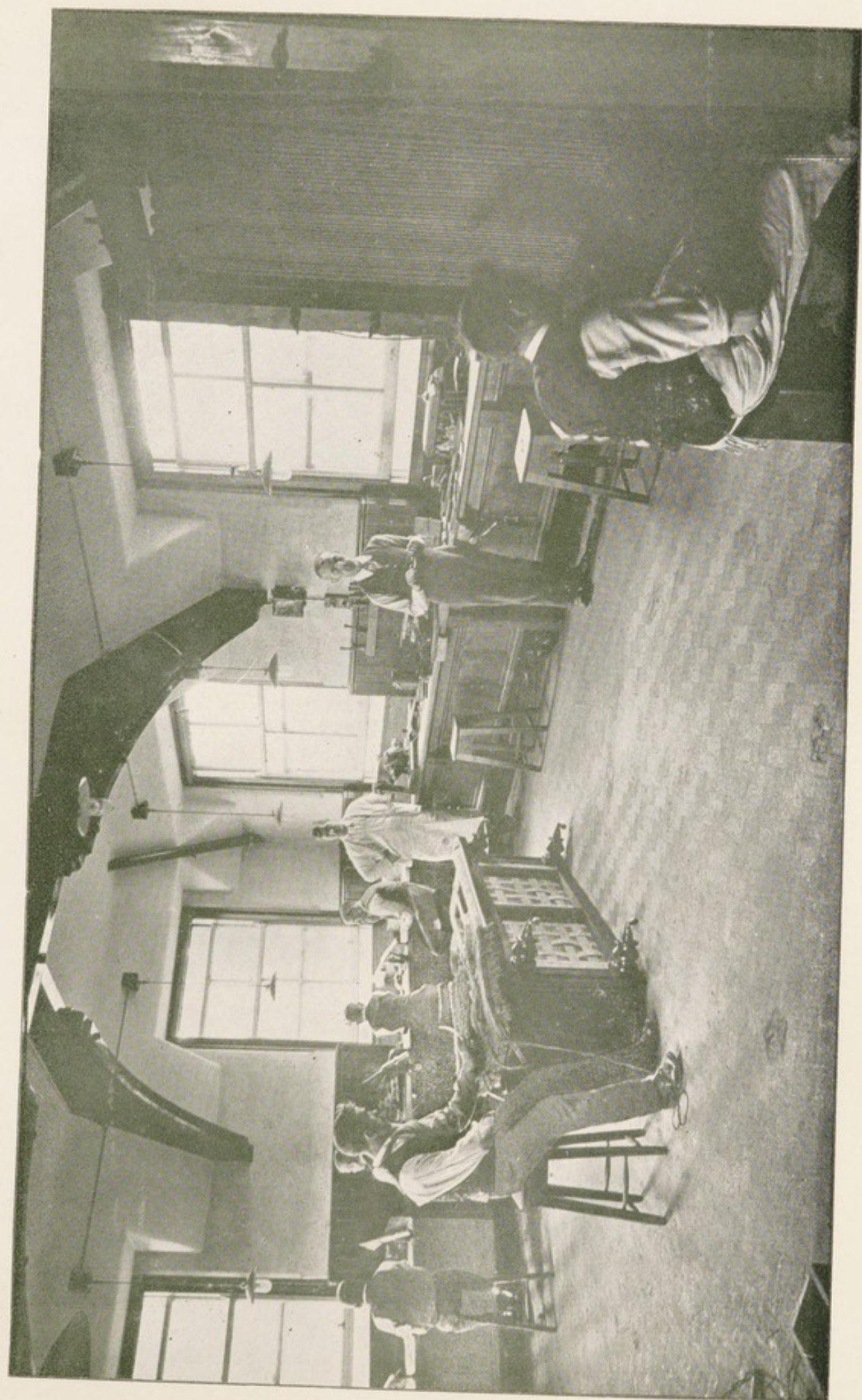
PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

- A Friend, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 "An Old Patient," Leeds, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Aitken, Dr., Lancaster, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Ansell, F., Birmingham, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Armitage, Mrs., Scotforth, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Armstrong, P., Leeds, 3s. 9d. for Christmas Tree.
 Arnold, Mrs., Lancaster, Oranges and Magazines for Christmas Tree.
 Arrowsmith, J., Glazebrook, Manchester, 10s. for Christmas Tree; also Dolls, Balls, Scrap Books, &c.
 Ascroft, Wm., Preston, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Ashburner, Miss, Kirkby-in-Furness, Knitted Woollen Cuffs, and Balls, Scrap Books, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Atkinson, Mrs. W., Lancaster, Table Tennis and Toy Footballs for Christmas Tree.
 Bagnall and Co., Lancaster, 34½ dozen Candles for Christmas Trees.
 Barrow and Nicholson, Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Barrow, Mrs. Thomas, Baldrand, Lancaster, Toys and 100 Bags of Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Barrow, Mrs. W., Yewgarth, Lancaster, Bags of Sweets, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Bell, Thomas, Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree; also six Sample Books of Christmas Cards.
 Benson, T., Lancaster, Three Boxes of Crackers for Christmas Tree.
 Berry, Mrs. Harrop, Ossett, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Berry and Roberts, London, Cloth and Marble Paper for Book-binding.
 Bingham, Misses, Lancaster, Work-baskets, Woollen Scarves and Cuffs, Scrap Books, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Binns, Mrs., Lancaster, Dolls, Scrap Book, and a Game for Christmas Tree.
 Blades, Mrs., Parkfield, Lancaster, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree; £1 1s. additional for Staff Library.
 Bond, Miss, Oakbank, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Bracken, Miss, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Dolls for Christmas Tree.
 Briggs, F., Silsden, Two Scrap Books of Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
 Brodrick, Rev. F. E., and Mrs. Brodrick, Lytham, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Bull, Mrs., London, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Burlison, Miss, Durham, Picture Books and Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
 Butler, Miss E., Ambleside, Balls, Scrap Books and Pictures for Christmas Tree.
 Butler, Miss Margaret, Ulverston, Woollen Balls and Bodices for Christmas Tree.
 Chaine, Miss M., Lancaster, Dolls and Woollen Balls for Christmas Tree.
 Clark, Miss, Queen Street, Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Clark, Mr. and Mrs. E. G., Lancaster, Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Codd, Mrs., Brighton, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Cousins, Mr. and Mrs., Lancaster, large Santa Claus Stocking of Sweets and Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Craven Joseph, Thornton, Bradford, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Crewe Branch of the Cheshire Ladies' Association, per Mrs. John Powell, Dressed Dolls, Toys, Knitted Woollen Articles, Clothing, &c., for Christmas Tree.

- Croft and Ewan, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Crossley, D. J., Hebden Bridge, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Dagger, Mrs., Preston, Doll for Christmas Tree.
 Davies, Henry, Carus Lodge, Lancaster, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Dewhirst, Mrs., Relatives and Friends, Colne, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Dicksons Limited, Royal Seed and Nursery Establishment, Chester, 2,600 Bulbs of various kinds.
 Diggins, James (the late), R.A.A., Lancaster, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree; in memoriam of the late Mrs. Diggins, 10s. 6d. (Staff Library).
 Elliot, Wm., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Ewan, The Misses, Lancaster, Woollen Balls for Christmas Tree.
 Fendley, Mr. and Mrs., Lancaster, Large Christmas Cake for Christmas Tree.
 Fisher, R., Lancaster, Toys, Dolls, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Foster, Colonel, and Mrs. Foster, Hornby Castle, Lancaster, large Case of Games and Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Fulton, Ivie, Birkenhead, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Gill, T. and Mrs. Gill, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Goodall and Suddick, Leeds, Ornaments, Rules, and large quantity of Paper for printing.
 Greenwood and Whitehead, Lancaster, Barrel of Apples and 24 boxes of Muscatels for Christmas Tree.
 Groves, W. G., Windermere, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Hargreaves, Mr., Lancaster, Illustrated Papers.
 Hartley, Miss S. E., Lancaster, box of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Harris, Miss, London, eight named parcels of Presents for Patients.
 Heald, James, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Heald, Mrs. and The Misses, Lancaster, Dolls and Toys for Christmas Tree.
 Helme, Norval W., M.P., Springfield Hall, Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Hetherington, George, Scotforth, Knitted Woollen Scarves for Christmas Tree.
 Heywood, Master and Miss, Lancaster, Crackers and Picture Books for Christmas Tree.
 Hibbert, The Right Hon. Sir John T., and Lady Hibbert, Grange-over-Sands, £2 for Christmas Tree.
 Hill, Albert, Halifax, Transparent Drawing Slates, Toys, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Hind, Rev. J., Hendon, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Hodgson, C. E., Skerton, Lancaster, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Hodgson, Mrs. Charles, Lancaster, Dolls and Picture Books for Christmas Tree.
 Hoyle, Mrs., Lancaster, Sweets, Oranges, and Crackers for Christmas Tree.
 Huddersfield Ladies' Association, per Mrs. Wrigley, Meltham, Articles of Clothing, Games, Toys, Dolls, Sweets, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Huntington, Mrs. W., Ashford House, Lancaster, Toys, Dolls, &c., for Christmas Tree.
 Hutchence, John, Catterall Hall, Garstang, Barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.
 Hutchence, Walter, and Co., Lancaster, Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Huthersall, J., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Jackson, Councillor George, Lancaster, two cases of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Jackson, Mrs. R., Ashton-under-Lyne, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Jones, W., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Judge, Mrs. M. E., New Brighton, Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
 Kath'een, Jack and Josephine, boxes of Sweets for Christmas Tree.
 Keir, Mrs. S., Lancaster, 7s. for Christmas Tree.
 Kelsall, George, Manchester, Picture Books and Christmas Cards for Christmas Tree.
 Kilgour, Rev. G., Bolton, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Killey, G. D., Waterloo, Liverpool, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Knight, Miss, Ulverston, Toys, Ornaments and Chocolate for Christmas Tree.
 Lancaster and Skerton Equitable Industrial Co-operative Society, Limited, case of Oranges, Nuts and Sweets for Christmas Tree.

- Layfield, A., Leeds, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Leach, F. W., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Lindon, Mr. (per Mrs. Powell, Crewe), 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Lumb, Mr. and Mrs., Luddenden, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Macdonald, Mrs. A., Fern Bank, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Mansergh, Mrs., Grange-over-Sands, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Mason, Gordon, Lancaster, box of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Maudsley and Son, Lancaster, Tar-barrels for Bonfire.
 Maudsley, Mrs., Lancaster, Picture Books and Fancy Articles for Christmas Tree.
 McCalla, Mrs., Lancaster, Sweets and Crackers for Christmas Tree.
 McMillan, James and Co., Manchester, parcel of assorted Paper for Printing.
 McRaith, The Misses, Fern Lea, Lancaster, Dolls for Christmas Tree.
 McWhinnie, Mr. and Mrs., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Millington, G., Lancaster, Coloured Paper for decoration for Christmas Tree.
 Milner, E. & J. L., Lancaster, Books and Boxes of Stationery and Pencils for Christmas Tree.
 Naylor, Miss Clara (ex-nurse of R.A.A.), Apple River, Illinois, U.S.A., 8s. for Christmas Tree.
 Newall, Thomas, Lancaster, parcel of Book-binding Material.
 Paley, Miss E. F., Caton, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Parr, Miss Eveline, Lancaster, Toys and Chocolate for Christmas Tree.
 Parr, Miss Hilda, Lancaster, Toys and Chocolate for Christmas Tree.
 Pearson, C. S., Whitley Bay, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Pickford, Miss, Carnforth, Woollen Cuffs and Scarves for Christmas Tree.
 Pilkington, Mrs. J. R. B., Lancaster, Knitted Woollen Cuffs, Scarves, Dolls and Games for Christmas Tree.
 Platt, John, Hyning, Carnforth, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Powell, W. K., Preston, 150 Fancy Boxes of Biscuits for Christmas Tree.
 Procter, Mrs., Barrowford, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Procter, Wm., Scotforth, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
 Punchard, Miss, Kirkby Lonsdale, Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
 Rawson, J. Selwyn, Sowerby Bridge, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Religious Tract Society, per Rev. J. H. Colligan, Lancaster, Magazines, Books, and Tracts for Christmas Tree.
 Richardson, G. E., Carlisle, £2 2s. for Christmas Tree.
 Richardson, Miss E., Lancaster, Toys and Picture Books for Christmas Tree.
 Rodger, J. W., Cardiff, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 "Ronald and Hilda," Lancaster, 2s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Roper, W. O., Yealand Conyers, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Satterthwaite, A., and Mrs. Satterthwaite (The Mayor and Mayoress of Lancaster), £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
 Satterthwaite, W. H., Lancaster, £1 for Christmas Tree.
 Satterthwaite, Samuel, Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
 Shand, W., and Sons, Lancaster, Mistletoe and Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Shaw, Mrs. E. B., Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Sherson, The Misses, Windermere, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
 Shuttleworth, Mrs., Richmond, Surrey, Dolls and Crackers for Christmas Tree.
 Simpson, The Misses, Lancaster, Christmas Illustrated Papers and 11 named Packets of Presents for Patients.
 Simpson, Mrs. S., Lancaster, Chocolate, a Game, and Magazines for Christmas Tree.
 Sinclair, Sir J. G. Tollemache, Bart., London, a Columbia Graphophone, with 36 Records.
 Smiths, T. D., Limited, Lancaster, 2 Cases of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Snape, Mrs., Lancaster, Oranges for Christmas Tree.
 Stephenson, Mrs. W. K., Lancaster, Oranges for Christmas Tree.

- Storey, Lady, Westfield House, Lancaster, £4 for Christmas Tree.
- Storey, Herbert L., Lancaster, £2 2s. for Christmas Tree; £1 1s. for Staff Library; also Picture Post-cards, and Brushwood for bon-fire.
- Storey, Mrs. Edward, Crosslands, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree.
- Storey, Isaac H., Windermere, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Storey, R. H., Lancaster, 30 Rabbits for Storey Home.
- Stork, Mrs., Lancaster, 7s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Stubbs, Mrs., Clifton Green, York, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Sumner, Mrs., Tarbock, Prescott, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Sutcliffe, Mrs. E. M., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Sutcliffe, Mrs. A., Lancaster, 3s. for Christmas Tree.
- Sutcliffe, Miss K., Lancaster, Scrap Books for Christmas Tree.
- Tatham, Mr. and Mrs. R., Lancaster, Barrel of Apples and Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Taylor, Dr. C. Barrie, Stockport, Bottles of Scent and Fancy Boxes of Chocolate for Christmas Tree.
- Taylor, Mrs. John, Moston, Manchester, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Taylor, J. W., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Tennant, Miss, Lancaster, Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Thompson, Miss, Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Todd, Mrs. and The Misses, Lancaster, Woollen Balls and bags of Sweets for Christmas Tree.
- Towers, Mrs. H. E., Lancaster, Articles of Clothing for Christmas Tree.
- Town, J., and Sons, Leeds, large quantity of Paper for printing.
- Vere, Mrs., Lancaster, 3s. for Christmas Tree.
- Walker, J. and T., Lancaster, a Case of Oranges for Christmas Tree.
- Weekes, G. H., Lancaster, a dozen boxes of Crackers for Christmas Tree.
- Welch, Master Robert, Master Edward, and Miss Freda, Lancaster, Barrel of Apples for Christmas Tree.
- Welch, W. G., Hampson, Ellel, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Welch, The Misses, Springville, Lancaster, 14 named packets of Presents for patients.
- Whitley, John, West House, Halifax, £1 for Christmas Tree.
- Wilcock, Mrs., Lancaster, 12 named packets of Presents for patients.
- Willis, Herbert, Bradford, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Wigley, J. M., Market Street, Lancaster, £1 1s. for Christmas Tree; also 500 Picture Post Cards and two parcels of Calendars.
- Wingate-Saul, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.
- Wolstenholme, Mrs. J. T., Lancaster, 5s. for Christmas Tree.
- Worthington, Mrs., Lancaster, Woollen Scarves, Cuffs and Dolls for Christmas Tree.
- Woods, Miss, Lancaster, 10s. for Christmas Tree.
- Wrigley, James. and Son, Limited, Bridge Hall Mills, Bury, large assortment of white and tinted Paper for printing.
- Wrigley, Miss, Windermere, Toys, Games and Books for Christmas Tree.
- "X.Y.Z.," Lancaster, 10s. 6d. for Christmas Tree.



BRUSH AND MAT MAKERS.



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.

GOLD MEDALS.

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

SILVER MEDALS.

Benjamin Owen, Clerk	...	"	1891.
Jessie McVicar, Brunton House Cook	...	"	1891.
Clara Naylor, Nurse	...	"	1892.
Mary Lamb, Brunton House Housemaid	...	"	1894.

BRONZE MEDALS.

Dr. Archibald R. Douglas, Medical Superintendent	...	"	*1893.
Elizabeth J. Burton, Teacher	...	"	1894.
Harriet Hill, Nurse-Teacher	...	"	1894.
William Bond, Chief Attendant	...	"	1895.
Mrs. Emily E. Pugh, Schoolmistress	...	"	1895.
Robert Simpson, Attendant	...	"	1895.
Winifred H. Bolton, Teacher	...	"	1896.
Edward Edmondson, Farm Attendant	...	"	1896.
Benjamin W. Price, Attendant...	...	"	1896.
Joseph Smith, Plumber-Attendant	...	"	1897.
Nelly Burdett, Schoolmistress	...	"	1897.
Dr. W. H. Coupland, Senr. Assistant Medical Officer	...	"	1897.
Samuel Keir, Secretary	...	"	1898.
Robert J. Cooke, Attendant	...	"	*1895.
Edmund W. Bradford, Attendant	...	"	*1895.
John Hayhurst, Butcher	...	"	*1889.
Frances Simple, Sewing-maid	...	"	1898.

*—Two periods of service included.



JOINERS' SHOP.



THE PATIENTS' DRUM AND FIFE BAND.



LIST OF PLACES

FROM WHICH THE PRESENT INMATES HAVE BEEN ADMITTED.

LANCASHIRE.

	No.		No.
Ashton-under-Lynde...	2	Lancaster ...	12
Astley Bridge, Bolton ...	1	Liverpool ...	51
Blackley, Manchester ...	1	Leigh ...	4
Barrowford, Burnley ...	1	Leyland, Preston ...	2
Barrow-in-Furness ...	3	Lytham ...	2
Blackburn ...	8	Maghull, Liverpool...	1
Blackpool ...	2	Manchester and Salford...	78
Bolton...	17	Oldham ...	18
Burnley ...	4	Ormskirk ...	3
Bury ...	5	Prescot, Liverpool ...	4
Carnforth, Lancaster ...	1	Preston ...	13
Castleton, Manchester ...	1	Radcliffe ...	2
Clitheroe ...	1	Rawtenstall ...	1
Coppull, Wigan ...	1	Ribchester, Preston ...	1
Didsbury, Manchester ...	1	Rochdale ...	7
Farnworth, Bolton ...	1	St. Anne's-on-Sea ...	1
Flixton, Manchester ...	1	St. Helens ...	1
Garstang ...	1	Seaforth, Liverpool ...	1
Garston, Liverpool ...	2	Southport ...	4
Grange-over-Sands ...	1	Tyldesley ...	1
Great Crosby, Liverpool ...	1	Ulverston ...	1
Haydock, St. Helens ...	1	Warrington ...	2
Heaton Chapel...	1	Widnes ...	1
Heaton Moor ...	1	Wigan...	4
Kellet, Lancaster ...	1		
Kirkby-in-Furness ...	1		
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CHESHIRE.

Alsager ...	1	Macclesfield ...	5
Birkenhead ...	11	Manley ...	1
Cheadle ...	1	Marple ...	1
Chester ...	8	New Brighton ...	1
Crewe ...	5	Northwich ...	2
Disley ...	1	Stalybridge ...	2
Knutsford ...	2	Stockport ...	12
Liscard ...	1	Wirral...	1
Lymm... ...	1		
			56

YORKSHIRE.

	No.		No.
Balby, Doncaster	1	Middlesbrough	3
Barnsley	4	Mirfield	1
Bentham	1	Northallerton	1
Beverley	1	Normanton	1
Bingley, Bradford	4	Ossett	1
Boroughbridge	1	Otley	1
Bradford	16	Pontefract	1
Bridlington	1	Pudsey	1
Brighouse, Halifax	3	Rastrick, Halifax	2
Burton-in-Lonsdale	1	Richmond	2
Cleckheaton	2	Ripley	1
Conisborough	1	Ripon	2
Dewsbury	1	Rishworth, Halifax	1
Doncaster	6	Rotherham	4
Elland, Halifax	2	Selby	2
Farnley, Leeds	1	Sheffield	16
Goole	1	Shipley, Bradford	1
Guisborough	1	Siddal, Halifax	1
Halifax	10	Silsden	1
Harrogate	1	Skipton	2
Hebden Bridge, Halifax	1	Slaidburn	1
Hemsworth	1	Sowerby, Halifax	1
Horbury, Wakefield	1	Stourton, Leeds	1
Huddersfield	8	Thornbury, Bradford	1
Hull	13	Todmorden	1
Ilkley	1	Wakefield	4
Keighley	7	Whitley Bridge	1
Kippax, Leeds	2	York	7
Knaresborough	1		
Leeds	36		
Marske-by-the-Sea	1		
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DURHAM.

Bishop Auckland	5	Langley Moor	1
Catchgate	1	Middleton-in-Teesdale	1
Coxhoe	2	New Shildon	1
Crook	1	Ravensworth	1
Darlington	5	Ryhope	1
Durham	2	St. John's Chapel	1
Easington	3	South Shields	12
Fence Houses	1	Spennymoor	2
Framwellgate Moor	1	Stockton	3
Gainford	1	Sunderland	5
Gateshead	9	West Hartlepool	1
Hartlepool	2		
Lanchester	3		
			65

CUMBERLAND.

Bootle	3	Eskdale	1
Carlisle	11	Lamplugh	1
Cockermouth	5	Whitehaven	1
Dalston	1	Wigton	1
Egremont	1	Workington	1
Gosforth	2		
Houghton	1		
			29

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Alnwick	2	Newcastle-on-Tyne... ..	5
Felton... ..	1	Whitley Bay	3
Longbenton	1	Willington Quay	1
Longframlington	1		
Morpeth	1		<u>15</u>

WESTMORLAND.

	No.		No.
Ambleside	1	Bowness	1
Appleby	1	Holme... ..	1
Bampton	1	Kendal	5
			<u>10</u>

SUMMARY.

LANCASHIRE	276
YORKSHIRE	193
DURHAM	65
CHESHIRE... ..	56
CUMBERLAND... ..	29
NORTHUMBERLAND	15
WESTMORLAND	10
	<u>644</u>
OTHER COUNTIES	6
TOTAL... ..	<u>650</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, &c.—as a HOME FOR SPECIAL PRIVATE PUPILS attending the Schools and other Occupations at the Institution.

BRUNTON HOUSE is in a most salubrious situation and commands fine views of the Lake Mountains, Morecambe Bay, the Estuary of the Lune, and of the surrounding country, which is beautifully varied 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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SAMUEL KEIR, SECRETARY.

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BRUNTON HOUSE : GARDEN VIEW.





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