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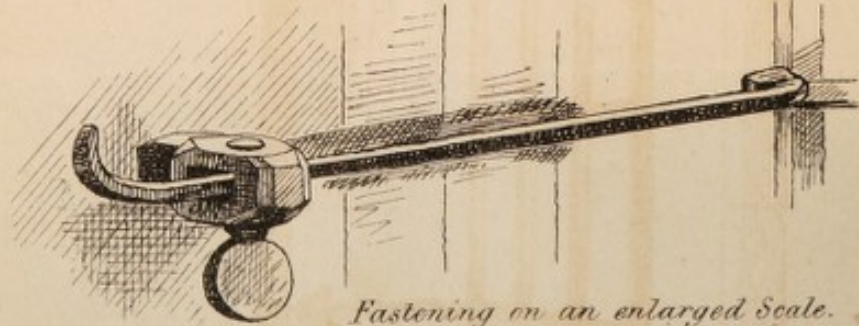
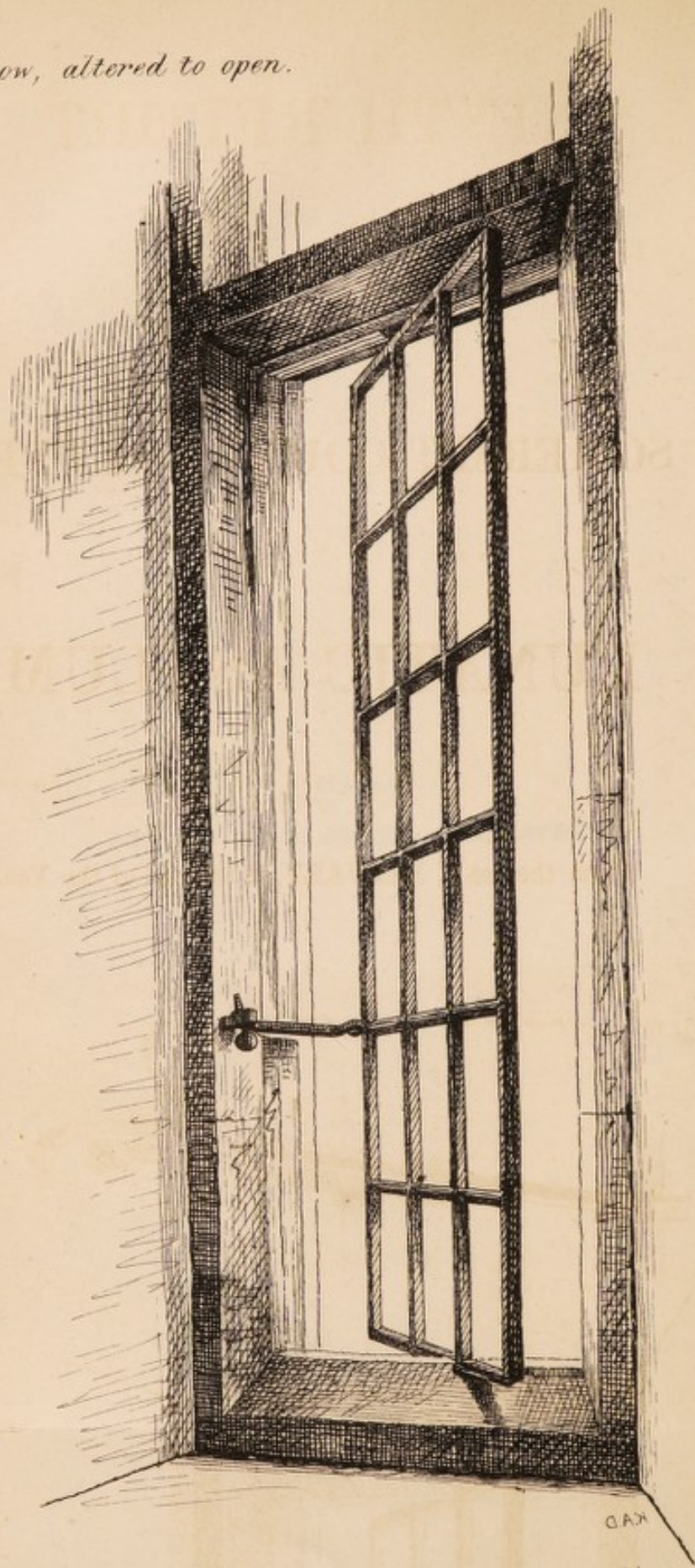


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*Fastening on an enlarged Scale.*

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LUNATIC ASYLUM,

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SOMERSET COUNTY LUNATIC  
ASYLUM,  
PRESENTED TO  
THE COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS,  
HELD AT  
The Castle of Taunton,  
IN THE SAID COUNTY,  
On the 6th JANUARY, 1857.

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“Taunton, Jan. 6th, 1857.

“THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS of the county  
“lunatic asylum have great satisfaction in report-  
“ing that the general health of its inmates has  
“been good during the past year, and that the  
“number of deaths has not been greater than  
“may have been expected from the state in  
“which many are sent in.

“Your Committee have again to regret that  
“many harmless patients are still sent to, and  
“many such are necessarily detained in, the  
“asylum who might be discharged, removed to,

“ and kept at a smaller cost to their parishes in  
 “ union houses if proper means were provided in  
 “ them for their care and treatment. For want  
 “ of such means the visitors are unable to carry  
 “ out one of the enactments of the last pauper  
 “ lunatics’ Act, which was framed with a view to  
 “ prevent the overcrowding of asylums with  
 “ chronic and incurable cases. These establish-  
 “ ments are gradually becoming places of deten-  
 “ tion for confirmed lunatics, rather than hospitals  
 “ for the cure of the insane which they were  
 “ intended to be.

“ The admissions during the year have been  
 “ 133, and the number of patients discharged has  
 “ been 86, and of deaths 36, so that there are  
 “ now in the house very few more than at the  
 “ end of the last year, and these will soon be  
 “ further diminished by the removal of several  
 “ received from the Bath union to a ward in their  
 “ union house, specially fitted up for them.

“ Additions and improvements have been  
 “ made in the farm buildings, principally by the  
 “ labour of the patients; and the grounds have  
 “ been levelled and brought into better cultiva-  
 “ tion, and the produce considerably increased.  
 “ In levelling the ground a large quantity of  
 “ stone has been quarried, and your committee  
 “ have presented a great portion of it towards the  
 “ building of the new church in that part of the  
 “ city of Wells nearest to the asylum.

“The Commissioners in Lunacy have visited the  
 “ house twice, and left their reports in the visitors’  
 “ book, speaking generally in favourable terms  
 “ of its management, but making some sugges-  
 “ tions as to minor internal arrangements, and  
 “ also in the airing grounds, which have been  
 “ attended to.

“ The Chaplain who was elected soon after the  
 “ opening of the institution has resigned, and  
 “ another will be appointed with the least possible  
 “ delay ; the usual services in the chapel and the  
 “ discharge of other ministerial duties having  
 “ been in the meanwhile provided for.

“ The annual report of the Superintendent will  
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 “ as usual.

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OF THE

## Somerset County Pauper Lunatic Asylum

FOR THE YEAR 1856.

BY ROBERT BOYD, M. D., SUPERINTENDENT.

### PART I.

During the year 1856 there were 133 admissions, 73 males and 60 females. 30 males and 35 females were discharged recovered; 4 males and 6 females relieved; 10 males and 1 female not improved; 1 male and 2 females out on probation; 16 males and 20 females died; remaining 167 males and 191 females. The number of males discharged not improved is more than usual, four male patients from Bedminster having been twice discharged during the year; first in February, in consequence of the higher rate of payment charged to Boroughs which had not contributed to the building having been refused; these patients were however again returned in a few days, and the higher rate has since been paid: on the 27th December they were finally transferred to the Hospital for lunatics for the Borough of Bristol. Although there is an increase of 9 remaining, over the corresponding period of the previous year, still it is hoped that no further addition to the asylum will be required.

Admissions and  
Results.

Many persons are sent to the asylum, and many others retained there, who might, under proper management, be kept in the workhouses. Some are sent in a state of paralysis, some are aged and in a state of fatuity, and others when they become troublesome or are in a diseased and feeble state of bodily health and require more nursetending than they receive in the workhouses. On the other hand, many harmless and chronic cases

Paralytic, feeble,  
and  
aged persons.

are retained in the asylum, who might if fit medical management and proper nursetending were supplied be equally well taken care of in the workhouse. Under the existing arrangements, lunatic asylums are gradually losing their proper character of hospitals for the recovery of the insane, and sinking down to be mere auxiliaries to workhouses as was stated in the two last annual reports. The great increase in the number of patients not curable but chronic, throws a heavy burthen on the parishes and has rendered necessary the building of additional asylums in Yorkshire, Lancaster, and Middlesex, and the enlargement of those in Devon, Dorset, Oxford, Gloucester, Hants, Surrey, and several other Counties.

Medical relief.

In a recent publication \* Dr. Ackland states, "the whole subject of medical relief provided by the State requires fundamental revision. I have been told of instances of union surgeons spending more than their salary on medicines alone for the poor for several years." The learned writer concludes—"I think, that it is ungenerous on the part of a State to allow the very necessities and known kindness of professional men to be a means of further overworking and underpaying them."

I am happy in being able to quote such testimony in support of my previous experience of fifteen years in other institutions for the poor, and until medical relief be separated from poor law relief, by Legislative enactment, and the sick poor of sane mind, are placed on an equal footing with the insane, as regards nursing and medical comforts in an infirmary set apart for that purpose in the workhouse, or at their own homes, the crowding of lunatic asylums with improper objects must go on increasing.

A Government Commission has recently been instituted to inquire respecting the state of lunatics in Ireland. When its report is brought forward in Parliament, it may be hoped that the claims of the working poor to medical relief in bodily as in mental ailment may be considered, and the whole subject legislated for; as insanity unconnected with bodily disease is not frequent, so it would be found if proper provision for the sick, as above stated, were made, no further additions to lunatic asylums in this or in other counties would be required.

\* Memoirs on the Cholera in Oxford, page 127.

Applications have been made for female nurses to attend private patients at their own homes, and two have been permitted to go to persons in the county. It is obviously desirable that trustworthy persons should be trained in these asylums who may take charge of lunatics at their own homes. There are various reasons which may make it desirable not to remove them, and in such cases efficient nursing is essential to their own comfort and safety, and to the relief of their friends.

Nurses.

One Coroner's inquest was held on a female aged 71, in a feeble state, who fell down suddenly in the infirmary day-room and died, she had attempted to swallow a large piece of meat at dinner time, which was removed from the throat almost immediately, but life was extinct.

Casualty.

A dormitory for eight working patients over a cart shed, adjoining the new cottage in the farm yard, has been completed. An addition has been made to the cow-house, sufficient for seven cows, with a barn over it. A coal shed has been erected in the gas yard to keep the coals used in the retorts dry. New iron pipes have been put up at the farm buildings, to convey the rain water for the use of the cattle into the large tank behind the new cow-house. The paving of the farm yard, which was long unfinished, will soon be completed with some of the stones of a wall recently removed from between the two front airing courts on the female side. Some of the walks have been lowered, and a quantity of lime stone removed. The north-wall of the garden has been raised. The front grounds so long under process of clearing have been all brought under cultivation and cropped. The old quarry near the upper gate has been filled and levelled, and will be fit for cultivation in spring. A roadway as far as the new quarry has been completed, and a sloping bank cleared fit for spade cultivation, by the labour of a few of the patients. The new quarry was opened to provide red stone for the church now building in East-Wells, and the stones have been principally raised by the patients and one of the attendants, and given for the church by the Visitors.

Additions and improvements.

The large dormitories on the male side have been thrown into one room, about seventy patients now sleep in this room, 153 feet long and  $22\frac{1}{2}$  feet wide. The change is considered a



great improvement. It renders inspection easier; the temperature is more uniform; the ventilation is much better; the aspect more cheerful, and therefore it is liked better both by attendants and patients. The orderly state of this great dormitory is in a great measure owing to the healthy employment during the day of the persons who sleep there. Some of the visitors have expressed a wish to see the partitions in the corresponding wing on the female side also removed. The fixed beds on an inclined plane in a dormitory for epileptics, and separated by wooden partitions, have been found to answer; and five more have been made for females. To some of these sleeping places there are doors of lattice work, so that the patient is open to view, and two have been wired on the top to prevent climbing over the partition, when in an excited state.

Several of the iron casements in the single rooms, water-closets, &c., have been made to open sufficiently to admit of free ventilation without materially affecting their security, an iron pivot is fixed into the sill and window head, and also a stop which only permits the casement being opened four or five inches each side, as seen in the drawing, and the fastening is by a thumb screw as shown, or a screw fitted to a key. Two new boilers for the warm baths to replace smaller ones, which were defective, and a new heating apparatus for an additional drying room to the laundry have been put up under the direction of Messrs. Haden.

General management.

The general management has been very similar to what has been described in previous reports. The employment of able bodied patients has ever been considered one of the chief accessories to recovery, a desire for occupation and steady attention whilst at work are the best evidence of a patient's convalescence and fitness to be at large. The chief employment of the male patients being on the farm, prevents their clothing having that appearance of every day neatness which might be expected in such an establishment, but if comparative contentment and tranquil nights are the results, it would surely be absurd to sacrifice them to personal appearance. As an evidence of this, about seventy of them are now associated in one dormitory, with perfect order.

It has frequently been supposed by the parochial authorities and friends of patients when they hear of their being employed, that they could as well follow their usual occupation at home, and it has sometimes happened through the impatience of friends, &c. that patients have been permitted to return home too soon, and consequently have been brought back in a short time. For this reason the relapsed cases have been rather more numerous amongst the males. Of the relapsed cases two males who had been here on three previous occasions very soon became convalescent after their readmission; one of them had continued steadily at work for sixteen months earning good wages and supporting his family, but when he indulges in drink, he becomes mischievous and requires confinement for a time. Two other males when they returned were found to labour under general paralysis, and one of them who was in a very helpless state, soon died.

During the hay harvest there was a scarcity of labourers and assistance was given to two or three farmers, and in one instance the mowing was entirely done by four patients.

It is more difficult to find occupation for the females; about thirty are employed in the kitchen and laundry, and forty at needle work; all the female clothing, men's shirts &c. are made and repaired by them; there are only three who knit, so that stockings which ought to be made in the house have to be purchased. Several assist the attendants in the household duties. About a dozen women assist in the farm in weeding &c. in fine weather, and a great number assist in haymaking. On such occasions they generally have tea, and a dance afterwards out of doors.

One female patient who for a considerable period made herself very useful, and who from hereditary disposition and having had previous attacks, was not likely to find employment elsewhere, was discharged and engaged as a servant. A male patient, a tradesman, was also discharged and hired at his own request.

## Amusements.

Evening amusements are still continued, music and dancing in which male and female patients join. Excursions are generally made in fine weather, but last year from the sickness of one of the horses, were not extended so far as usual.

Through the kindness of Col. Miles, M.P. the North-Somerset Yeomanry were permitted to assemble about 450 strong, on the lawn in front of the asylum. The day was fine, and the splendid sight, which could be observed from all divisions of the house, afforded the highest gratification to the inmates.

## Weekly charge.

The weekly rate of maintenance has continued at 7s. 7d. to county patients throughout the year. To the patients of boroughs which have not contributed towards the building, 10s. 9½d.; and to out county patients 12s. 10d. An application for a reduction in the charge to such borough patients has been made, in consequence of the fall in the price of provisions.

## Farm.

The ground has been gradually improving in condition, and the amount of produce has been greater in this than in any previous year. The quantity of potatoes 4120 pecks, onions 700 pecks, carrots 1860 pecks, and turnips about the same. There were 30 tons of parsnips, of sweeds 60 tons, and mangle wurtzel 140 tons. Three and half acres were planted with cabbages, and the produce was 35 tons an acre. The quantity of beef supplied to the house from the farm was 4226lbs., of pork 2531, and of veal 120lbs.; 88 dozen of eggs; 1688½lbs of butter; 380 pints of cream, and 8849 gallons of milk.

## Conclusion.

The Superintendent has to remark that, under Divine Providence, in no year has the health of the inmates been more satisfactory than in the last. The attendants have been attentive to their duties to the patients placed under their charge. The only incident worthy of remark is the resignation of the Chaplain, who has been connected with the institution since its opening. His good delivery and distinct reading always commanded a degree of attention surprising in such a congregation. In conclusion the Superintendent begs again to thank the Visitors for their continued kindness and co-operation.

## PART II.

The number of patients under medical treatment has this year been less than usual. In the first three months three were on an average 20 males and 26 females; in the second three months 21 males and 25 females; in the third three months 22 males and 28 females; in the last three months the average was 22 males and only 18 females: the average for the whole year was 22 males and 24 females. There was least sickness in the autumnal quarter, the amount of sickness in the other quarters was nearly equal. The mortality was one fifth greater this year amongst the females compared with the males.

Medical treatment.

The prevailing diseases which came under treatment were as follows: in the first three months, diarrhœa 2 males and 2 females, fever 2 females, influenza 1 male and 2 females, bronchitis 2 males and 3 females, pulmonary phthisis 2 males; apoplexy and paralysis 2 males and 3 females, epilepsy 4 males and 4 females, maniacal excitement 3 females, amenorrhœa 2 females; rheumatism 1 male and 1 female, ulcers on the extremities 6 males and 3 females, erysipelas 1 male and 1 female. In the second three months, there was 1 male under treatment for dysentery, 1 male and 2 females for jaundice, 2 females for gastritis, 2 males and 1 female for pleuritis and pneumonia, 3 males and 2 females for bronchitis, 2 males and 2 females for phthisis, 1 male and 1 female for influenza, 1 male for arachnitis, 2 females for cerebral softening, and 1 female for paralysis, 4 males and 1 female for general paralysis attended with convulsions in one of the males and in the female, epilepsy in 3 males and 3 females, maniacal excitement in 4 females, scrofula in 2 females, marasmus in 1 male and 2 females, a burn in 1 male, ophthalmia in 1 male. In the third three months 1 male and 2 females were under treatment for diarrhœa, 1 male and 2 females for pleuritis and pneumonia, 1 female for bronchitis, 2 males and 3 females for pulmonary phthisis; 5 males and 4 females for epilepsy, 3 females for paralysis, 3 males and 1 female for general paralysis, 2 females for hysteria; 3 males and 1 female for rheumatism, 3 males and 1 female for ulcers, 2 males for carbuncle, 2 fe-

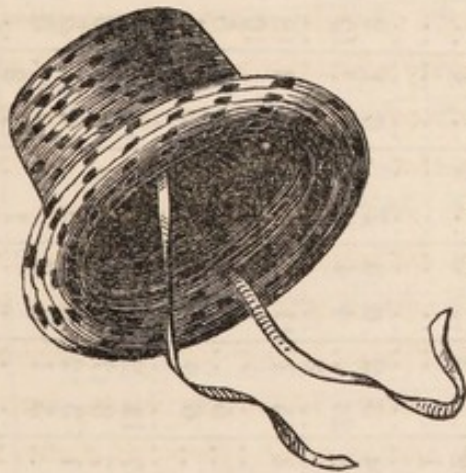
males for scrofula, 1 female for menorrhagia, 1 male and 3 females marasmus, 1 male and 2 females for fever. In the last three months, 1 female had diarrhœa, 1 had prolapsus uteri, and 2 amenorrhœa, 2 males and 2 females were under treatment for pulmonary phthisis, one male for pleuritis, 3 females for asthma, 2 females for excitement, 4 males and 1 female for epilepsy, 1 male for arachnitis, 1 female for hemiplegia, 5 males for general paralysis, 1 male for ptosis, 2 males for necrosis, 1 female for rheumatism, 1 male erysipelas, 1 male and 1 female for lepra, 1 purpura, 1 female for scrofula, 1 male for carbuncle, 2 males and 2 females for marasmus.

Cod liver oil.

This remedy has been very frequently employed during the last year in cases of scrofula and marasmus, from various causes, with most beneficial results. Although at one time the oil was much employed in England for chronic rheumatism, it had quite fallen into disuse, until the last few years, when attention was again directed to its value as a medicinal agent, after extensive trials with it by the Germans. It has been highly recommended in many cases of pulmonary consumption, and is considered by some the only efficacious remedy in that disease. In order to disguise its disagreeable odour and nauseous taste, it has been given here in the form of emulsion, with the compound spirit of ammonia, and aromatic confection, and the patients seldom make any difficulty in taking it; but there are some who cannot take it; others after taking it for a time have been obliged to leave it off, although their bodily condition had improved under its use. The three following cases, two recently discharged recovered and one in a convalescent state, in which it had been administered, are given in detail. M. A. D., aged 40, admitted in April 1856, in a state of mania, at the same time suffering from scrofulous sores on the arms and in a cachectic and feeble condition. She was ordered to take one ounce of cod liver oil daily. She improved rapidly in condition, and in about six weeks it was discontinued; the scrofulous sores had healed. During the following month, her general health again retrograded, she had anasarca of the legs and feet, her appetite failed, diuretics were administered, and recourse was again had to cod liver oil. She recovered, and was discharged at the end of the year.

The second case is that of D. G. aged 46, a tailor, admitted in a state of mania and in an extremely debilitated cachectic state of the system, having an abscess under the chin, from which there was an offensive discharge and disease of the bone, portions of which became loose and were removed. The cod liver oil mixture was administered, there was a rapid improvement, the sore under the chin soon healed, he rapidly gained flesh, and his mind became more tranquil. In a period of about fifteen weeks from the date of his admission he returned to his home.

The third case is that of C. C. aged 21, admitted in a state of mania, and in so emaciated a state, that his countenance was described as ghastly; he was from sheer debility unable to sit up for several days. The cod liver oil mixture was ordered, and quinine for the first few days with wine. Under this treatment he soon became convalescent and fit in three months from his admission to be discharged.



It frequently happens that epileptics falling down suddenly cut their foreheads, &c., and, for protection, caps of various kinds have been used both in Continental and English Asylums; these have generally, from their construction, kept the head too warm, and, therefore, in that respect were rather injurious than otherwise.

Epileptics.

To obviate this, common willow hats have been provided here, at a small cost, the broad brims of which have been turned over and stuffed with horse hair, thus forming an elastic pad round the head or forehead only, whilst the hat itself is light and cool.

In comparing the relative frequency of fits amongst epileptics during the day and the night, those by day still continue double the number of those by night in both sexes. Reference to the following tables will show the number of fits by day and by night in each individual for every month, with the totals and average for the year.

TABLES showing the number of fits by day and by

MALES.

EPILEPTIC MALES.	Age	Jany.		Febry.		March		April.		May.		June.		July.		Aug.		Sept.		Oct.		Nov.		Decr.		Whole Year			
		Day.	Night	D.	N.	D.	N.	D.	N.	D.	N.	D.	N.	D.	N.	D.	N.	D.	N.	D.	N.	D.	N.	D.	N.	Day.	Night.		
A. S.	19	38	2	30	2	36	4	23	1	30	1	33	1	23	..	22	6	26	5	33	5	36	4	26	..	356	31		
B. J.	22	1	8	2	8	1	3	4	5	..	6	1	11	1	3	..	..	5	7	3	6	4	18	4	26	26	90		
Bl. J.	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	2		
B. S.	27	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	0	0		
Bo. A.	57	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	9	7		
Bty. W.	41	..	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..		
B. H.	23	7	..	1	3	5	2	5	3	13	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	12	..		
C. F.	27	7	..	5	1	6	..	10	..	12	4	1	..	8	1	8	..	3	..	5	..	7	..	8	80	6	..		
C. J.	43	1	..	4	..	5	..	2	..	5	3	6	..	3	..	4	..	3	..	6	..	4	1	7	50	4	..		
C. T.	21	4	5	4	11	9	5	2	8	..	8	10	1	8	..	18	..	16	3	10	..	12	2	17	25	128	..		
C. G.	32	5	7	4	7	5	5	9	5	9	5	9	1	8	4	..	2	..	5	1	12	..	..	..	49	36	3		
D. G.	44	4	..	3	..	3	..	3	1	3	1	4	..	3	..	3	..	5	1	..	..	5	..	8	56	3	..		
*D. E.	41	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	12	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	1	..		
Gr. H.	23	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	11	..		
G. W.	51	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	47	10	..		
Go. W.	55	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..		
H. J.	31	3	6	3	3	7	1	6	3	1	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	6	1	1	5	4	1	14	..	48	23	..	
H. C.	24	1	..	2	1	1	1	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	3	7	3	9	..	26	26	..	
K. J.	65	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	1	..	3	21	1	..	
L. C.	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	3	1	..	..	
M. W.	28	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	
M. B.	56	3	4	2	5	2	4	3	2	6	3	7	..	6	1	..	..	8	..	6	1	4	1	5	1	54	22	..	
M. S.	18	..	..	4	..	16	3	23	..	4	4	6	..	10	..	..	..	2	2	13	1	5	..	10	..	103	10	..	
O. B.	33	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	
P. W.	22	..	..	13	1	15	4	15	1	11	5	8	5	13	3	18	1	7	6	10	..	4	1	2	1	116	28	..	
Pa. G.	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	14	6	5	41	..	..	..	1	78	60	..		
S. T.	25	8	1	10	1	3	2	..	..	5	2	1	..	1	..	5	..	4	..	7	1	5	..	5	59	5	..		
T. J.	20	5	6	3	3	2	..	..	..	11	4	4	2	1	4	4	3	3	1	2	2	..	..	1	3	31	39	..	
T. N.	24	1	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	..	..	
Th. J.	8	15	5	10	4	18	7	14	2	7	5	8	3	17	1	7	1	12	4	13	..	8	2	8	137	37	..	..	
T. W.	33	1	3	5	8	4	7	3	7	1	4	4	9	3	3	3	7	9	9	2	2	..	10	2	9	28	78	..	
T. T.	21	1	..	2	..	4	1	3	2	6	2	8	..	6	1	5	..	10	1	7	2	5	..	1	2	58	9	..	
V. W.	56	10	4	..	..	5	..	5	1	8	2	1	..	..	3	1	3	1	2	..	..	..	..	4	46	10	..		
W. L.	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	8	..	..	
W. W.	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	.....	129	61	113	72	158	50	151	55	144	84	115	44	108	37	184	58	172	107	129	45	110	58	118	72	1579	743	..	..
		190	..	185	..	208	..	206	..	228	..	159	..	145	..	190	..	279	..	174	..	168	..	190	..	33	33	..	..





## ORDINARY DIETARY.

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### FOR BREAKFAST.

Coffee,\* or broth,†  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pints for males, 1 pint of coffee for the females; bread 8 oz. for the males, 7 oz. for females, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. of butter is allowed for each patient; those who have broth have no butter.

### FOR DINNER.

On Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, the third of a pound of uncooked meat, free from bone, with one pound and a half of vegetables for the males, and one pound for the females; and a half pint of beer or cider is allowed for each patient. On Tuesdays one pint and half of stew,‡ and 4 oz. of bread, and a half pint of cider or beer.

### FOR SUPPER.

The same as for breakfast, substituting tea and milk for broth or coffee.

### FOR LUNCH.

The working patients have each, at 11 o'clock, 2 oz. of bread, and three-fourths of an ounce of cheese, and half a pint of beer, or cider, and the same allowance of beer or cider in the afternoon; about half a pound of rag tobacco is distributed each day amongst the working male patients.

\* The coffee is made by boiling 6 lbs. of ground coffee with 6 lbs. of sugar in 32 gallons of water for ten minutes, to which is added  $2\frac{1}{2}$  gallons of new milk. The tea is made by substituting 2 lbs. of tea for 6 lbs. of coffee.

† The broth is made from 24 gallons of the water in which the meat had been boiled the previous day, 8 gallons of milk, 16 lbs. of onions, 1 lb. of salt, 20 lbs. of flour, and 4 ounces of pepper.

‡ The stew is made by boiling the bones (which are pounded) for seven hours in 20 gallons of water, with the addition of 4 shins, and 12 lbs. of stickings of beef, 9 lbs. of rice,  $\frac{3}{4}$  lbs. of pepper, 2 lbs. of salt, 6 sticks of celery, a bunch of sweet herbs, 3 pecks of onions, 10 or 15 white cabbages, and a few potatoes, occasionally 30 lbs. of flour is added.

This quantity is sufficient for 300 persons.

# T A B L E S .

## TABLE I. [1856.]

Shewing the time that each of 65 cases—30 males and 35 females—required for its treatment to effect recovery, arranged in a line, with the length of time the disorder had existed prior to admission.

Duration of the Disease prior to admission.	No. of Cases.		Time occupied in the Treatment to effect recovery.													
			MONTHS.													
	M.	F.	M.							F.						
1 Week .. ..	7	5	4	3	3	4	5	29	3	9	7	3	6	2	..	
2 Ditto .. ..	4	6	6	45	2	2	..	..	..	24	18	2	12	9	12	
3 Ditto .. ..	4	5	6	4	3	4	..	..	..	3	3	4	14	6	..	
4 Ditto .. ..	2	2	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	
5 Ditto .. ..	1	2	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	3	..	..	..	..	
6 Ditto .. ..	2	2	3	70	..	..	..	..	..	12	13	..	..	..	..	
2 Months .. ..	0	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	6	3	..	..	
3 Ditto .. ..	4	1	9	12	4	15	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	
6 Ditto .. ..	0	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	18	..	..	..	..	
7 Ditto .. ..	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	..	..	..	..	..	
9 Ditto .. ..	0	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	5	..	..	..	..	
12 Ditto .. ..	1	0	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
2 Years .. ..	2	0	4	102	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
3 Ditto .. ..	1	1	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	
4½ Ditto .. ..	1	0	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
9 Ditto .. ..	0	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	
18 Ditto .. ..	0	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	101	..	..	..	..	..	
<b>Total .. ..</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>														

*Of these 65 recoveries, the form of the disorder had been:—*

	M.	F.
Acute Mania .....	2	5
Ordinary Mania .....	6	9
Recurrent Mania .....	8	5
Monomania .....	4	3
Melancholia .....	6	13
Delirium Tremens .....	4	0
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>

*The exciting causes were:—*

	M.	F.
Hereditary Predisposition ..	8	10
Intemperance .....	10	3
Poverty .....	1	1
Previous Illness .....	5	6
Injury to the Head .....	2	2
Religious Fanaticism ..	1	1
Disappointment .....	0	2
Grief .....	0	7
Fright .....	2	0
Not known .....	1	3
<b>Total ..</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>

TABLE II.

Shewing the number of Patients admitted from each Union during the year 1856, distinguishing between those brought from their own homes, the Workhouses, and Asylums, with the results.

UNIONS.	ADMITTED.						DISCHARGED.						REMAINING.		
	Homes.		Workhouses		Asylum.		Recovered.		Not Recovered.		Died.		M.	F.	Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			
	Total.		Total.		Total.		Total.		Total.		Total.		Total.		
Axbridge ..	4	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Bath ..	3	4	1	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
Bedminster ..	4	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	3
Bridgwater ..	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Chard ..	4	7	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
Clutton ..	5	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	5
Dulverton ..	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Frome ..	4	5	2	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	4	7	11
Keynsham ..	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Langport ..	4	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	2	6
Shepton Mallet ..	1	4	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	2
Taunton ..	8	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	3	11
Wellington ..	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	6
Wells ..	6	4	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	5	3	8
Williton ..	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Wincanton ..	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Yeovil ..	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	4
Bradford (Wilts) ..	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b> ..	<b>51</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>75</b>





TABLE V.

Shewing the occupation of Patients admitted in 1856.

MALES.				FEMALES.			
Agriculture .. .. .	13	Shoemakers .. .. .	3	Agriculture .. .. .	5		
Bakers .. .. .	2	Shopkeepers .. .. .	2	Charwomen .. .. .	3		
Blacksmiths .. .. .	4	Soldiers .. .. .	2	Needlework .. .. .	2		
Carpenters and Sawyer	4	Weavers .. .. .	3	Factory .. .. .	2		
Carters .. .. .	2	Tailors .. .. .	3	Glovers .. .. .	2		
Cattle Drover .. .. .	1	No occupation .. .. .	2	Laborers' Wives .. .. .	17		
Farmer .. .. .	1	Criminal Lunatic .. .. .	1	Dressmaker .. .. .	1		
Gardeners .. .. .	4	Leather Dresser .. .. .	1	Laundress .. .. .	1		
Hawker .. .. .	1	Sailors .. .. .	3	Weavers .. .. .	4		
Masons .. .. .	4	Clerks .. .. .	2	Paupers .. .. .	4		
Coal Miners .. .. .	3	Picture Frame Dealer ..	1	Servants .. .. .	17		
Paupers .. .. .	6			No occupation .. .. .	1		
Policeman .. .. .	1			Farmer's Wife .. .. .	1		
Servants .. .. .	4						
		Total .. .. .	73	Total .. .. .	60		

TABLE VI. [1856.]

Shewing the bodily health of 133 Patients on admission, contrasting it with the present condition of those remaining.

	Bodily Health on Admission.				Bodily Health of those remaining.		
	Good.	Indifferent.	Bad.		Good.	Indifferent.	Bad.
73 Males	18	35	20	44 Males	22	17	5
60 Females	16	24	20	31 Females	17	12	2

TABLE VII.

Shewing the Religion and degree of Education, with reference to the admissions in 1856.

	RELIGION.					DEGREE OF EDUCATION.				
	Church of England	Dis-sent-ers.	Wes-leyans	Rom. Catho-lic.	Jew.	Good.	Read and Write.	Read only.	Neither Read or Write.	Not known.
73 Males	55	14	3	0	1	5	26	18	22	2
60 Females	44	9	6	1	0	2	24	17	15	2
Total ..	99	23	9	1	1	7	50	35	37	4

TABLE X

Showing the duration of the existing attack in the 155 Patients admitted in 1900, with reference to the result

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Duration of the existing attack	Favorable		Unfavorable		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	
Under 1 month	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
1 month	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
2 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
3 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
4 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
5 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
6 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
7 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
8 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
9 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
10 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
11 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
12 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
13 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
14 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
15 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
16 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
17 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
18 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
19 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
20 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
21 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
22 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
23 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
24 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
25 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
26 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
27 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
28 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
29 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
30 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
31 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
32 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
33 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
34 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
35 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
36 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
37 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
38 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
39 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
40 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
41 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
42 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
43 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
44 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
45 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
46 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
47 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
48 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
49 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
50 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
51 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
52 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
53 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
54 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
55 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
56 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
57 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
58 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
59 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
60 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
61 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
62 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
63 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
64 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
65 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
66 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
67 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
68 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
69 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
70 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
71 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
72 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
73 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
74 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
75 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
76 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
77 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
78 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
79 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
80 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
81 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
82 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
83 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
84 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
85 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
86 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
87 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
88 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
89 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
90 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
91 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
92 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
93 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
94 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
95 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
96 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
97 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
98 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
99 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
100 months	10	6.4	1	0.6	11
Total	155	100.0	15	9.7	170

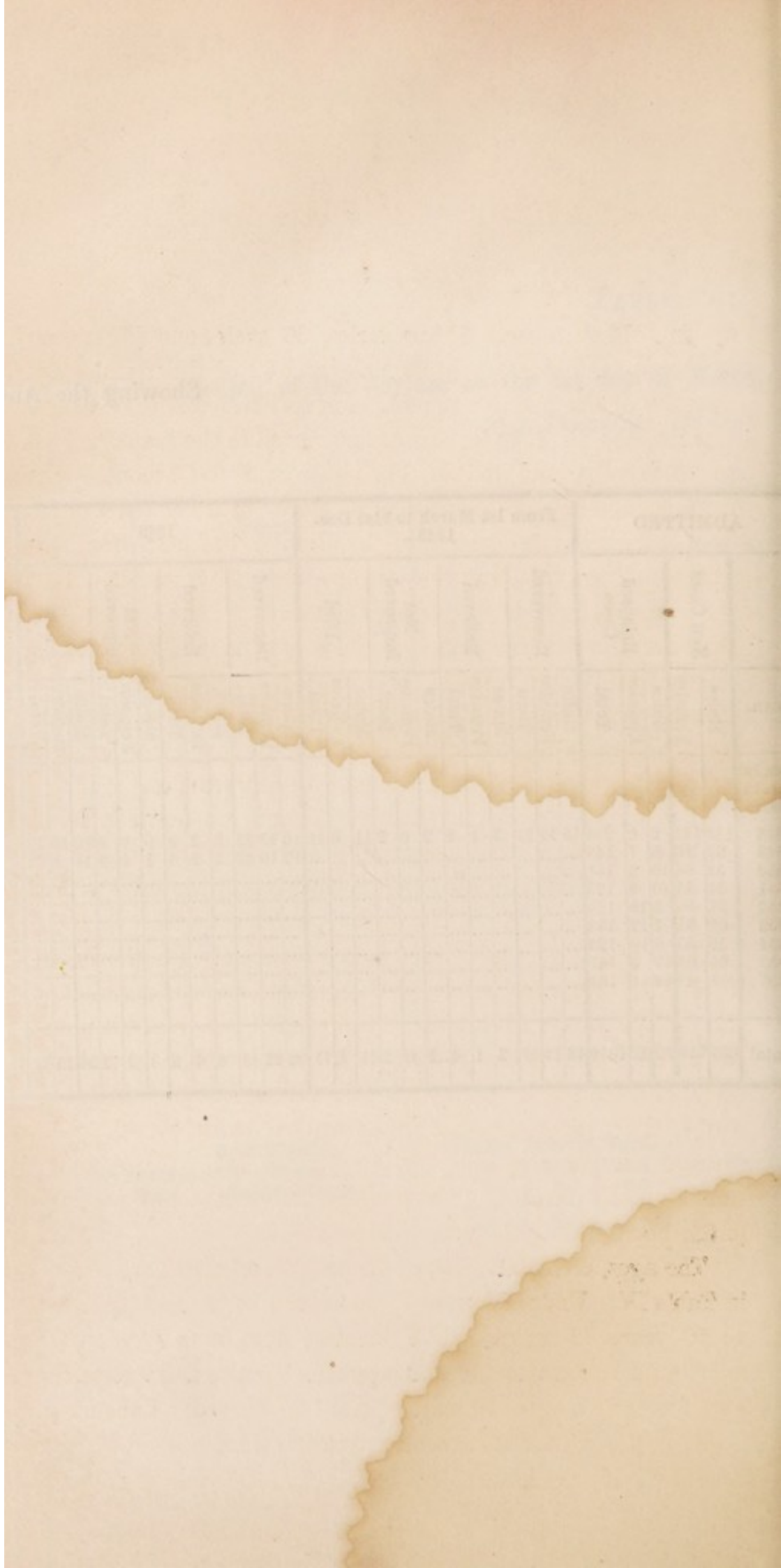
TABLE XI.

Showing the Annual Admissions since the opening of the Asylum on the 1st day of March, 1845, with the Discharges and Deaths, and the number remaining on the 31st December in each Year.

Year.	ADMITTED			From 1st March to 31st Dec. 1845				1849				1850				1851				1852				1853				1854				1855				1856				TOTAL				TOTAL REMAINING on the 31st December 1856	
	From 1st Mar. to 31st Dec.	Males	Females	New Cases	Recovered	Relieved	Not Improved	Dead	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total										
1845	146	146	292	13	13	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2								
1846	146	146	292	13	13	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2								
1847	146	146	292	13	13	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2								
1848	146	146	292	13	13	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2								
1849	146	146	292	13	13	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2								
1850	146	146	292	13	13	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2								
1851	146	146	292	13	13	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2								
1852	146	146	292	13	13	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2								
1853	146	146	292	13	13	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2								
1854	146	146	292	13	13	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2								
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1856	146	146	292	13	13	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2								
Total	146	146	292	13	13	0	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2								

ADMITTED.	Males.	Females.	Total.	DISCHARGED.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Per Centage of New Cases	90	90.8	90.5	Per Centage of Cases Recovered	32.2	33.9	33
Ditto Relapsed Cases	10	9.2	9.5	Ditto Relieved	4.2	3.8	4
				Ditto Not Improved	4.5	2.2	3
				Ditto Dead	6.5	25.6	28
				Ditto Remaining	21.4	28.5	29
					100.0	100.0	100





## ANALYSIS OF THE TABLES.

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In 1856 there were 65 recoveries, 30 males and 35 females, as shewn in Table I. In 26 males and 32 of the females the duration of the disorder on admission had been less than twelve months, the time under treatment varied in the males from 3 to 70 months, and in the females from 3 to 50 months, the average time for each sex was nearly eleven months. In 4 males and 3 females the duration of the disorder had been from two years and upwards, and the average time under treatment in the males 34 and in the females 39 months. The form of the disorder in 16 males and 19 females was mania, monomania in 4 males and 3 females, melancholia in 6 males and 13 females, hereditary predisposition existed in 18 cases, previous bodily illness in 15, intemperance in 10 males and three females, grief, disappointment, &c., in 3 males and 9 females.

The number sent from their own homes, as shewn in Table II. were 96, from workhouses 30, and removed from other asylums 7. Of these the number discharged recovered within the year was 30, relieved 10, died 18, remaining 75.

The chief incidents of *each month* separately are shewn in Table III. The admissions, discharges and number remaining, the epileptics are distinguished from the others, and the number of their fits by day and by night; the number of violent, dirty, and destructive patients. The average number secluded was 4, the average number under medical treatment 46. The average number attending Divine Service 231. The average number employed 209. The average daily number of patients in the house during the year 1856 was 365.

The ages, civil state, &c., of the patients admitted are shewn in Table IV. Under 30 years 18 males and 15 females, from 30 to 50 years 32 males and 23 females; from 50 to 70 years 20 males and 13 females; 70 and upwards 3 males and 9 females. There were 60 single, 59 married and 14 widowed. Labouring under a first attack 80, second attack 25, third or more 13, ill from birth 12, not known 3.

Agricultural labourers and servants, as shown in Table V., were most numerous.

The state of health is shown in Table VI., on admission; in 25.5 per cent. it was good, in 44.4 per cent. indifferent, and in 30.1 per cent. bad. Of those remaining it was good in 52 per cent, indifferent in 39 per cent., and bad in 9 per cent.

The religion of upwards of two-thirds was the Church of England, as shown in Table VII., and nearly one-third were totally uneducated.

The physical causes greatly predominated over the moral, as shewn in Table VIII.; hereditary predisposition alone rather exceeded the moral causes combined, which were not one-fourth of the whole.

Table IX. shows that mania was much the most frequent form; there were 21 cases of melancholia, 12 of dementia, and 16 of epilepsy and idiocy; there were also 5 hopeless cases of general paralysis admitted.

In 63 cases the duration of the existing attack was of less than three months duration, as shown in Table X., in 28 from 3 to 12 months, in 22 from 1 to 10 years, in 7 for many years, and in 13 from infancy.

The numbers admitted in each year are shown in Table XI., with the results. The ratio per cent. of new cases, relapses, discharges under different heads, and numbers remaining, are also shown. It will be seen that the males slightly exceed the females in the admissions, that the recoveries have been  $1\frac{3}{4}$  per cent greater, and the deaths 7 per cent. less, amongst the females than the males.

POST-MORTEM APPEARANCES		And weight of the principal Organs, in Ounces Avoirdupois.						
Date of Death. 1856.	Date of last Admission.	Age at Death and Civil State.	Mental and Bodily condition on admission.	Duration and cause of Disorder.	Assigned Cause of Death.	HEAD AND SPINE.	THORAX.	ABDOMEN.
Feby. 8 442	July 31, 1853.	24 Single	Epilepsy and idiocy; bad health.	Congenital	Hypertrophy of the brain, and blood in spinal canal.	Skull unusually thick, dura mater adherent; arachnoid dry, $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. of clear fluid in lateral ventricles, cerebral convolutions flattened and pale, brain very large, 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Fluid blood in the spinal canal, cord natural, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ .	Old pleuritic adhesions on both sides, cadaveric congestion in both lungs, right 22 $\frac{1}{4}$ , left 18 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; heart 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ , natural.	Weight of the stomach 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ , liver 41, spleen 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ , pancreas 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ , right kidney 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ , left 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; organs natural.
Feby. 8. 431	June 8, 1853. 2nd attack.	29 Single	Dementia; indif-ferent bodily health.	32 months. Hereditary on Father's side.	Pulmonary p $\ddot{a}$ th $\ddot{a}$ sis.	Brain large, weight 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ . The spinal cord natural, 1	Clusters of white tubercles throughout both lungs, most numerous in the right, in the apex of which were two cavities, right 72, left 42; heart large, 11.	The mucous membrane at lesser curvature of stomach unusually red, as well as the valvule conniventes of duodenum; stomach 6, liver, 46, spleen 4, pancreas 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ , right kidney 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ , left 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ .
Feby. 17. 420	April 24, 1853.	28 Single	Epilepsy combined with mania; left arm and leg contracted; indif-ferent health.	Congenital arrest of development of right cerebral hemisphere.	Lumbar abscess, diarrhoea.	Head small, retreating forehead, skull thick, dura mater flaccid on right side and thickened; the right cerebral hemisphere appeared only two-thirds in size of the left, brain only 30; engraved in R. M. C. Tr.	Low pneumonia of lower lobe right lung, weight 18, left natural, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; heart filled with dark clots, 8.	Pus in the fibres of the left psoas muscle, from diaphragm to the brim of the pelvis, no disease of spine; stomach 6, liver large 74, spleen dark 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ , right kidney 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ , left 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ . Weight of the body 91 lbs.; height 5-5.

OBITUARY continued.—MALES.

Date of Death, 1856.	Date of last admission.	Age at Death and Civil State.	Mental and Bodily condition on admission.	Duration and cause of Disorder.	Assigned Cause of Death.	POST-MORTEM APPEARANCES, And weight of the various Organs, in Ounces Avoirdupois.		
						HEAD AND SPINE.	THORAX.	ABDOMEN.
Feby. 26. 567	June 7, 1855. 1st attack.	56 Married.	Melancholia; bad bodily health.	10 months. Hereditary on Father's side.	Pulmonary phthisis, diarrhoea	Brain large, soft, weight 53½, spinal cord also rather soft.	Several tubercles and a tuberculous cavity in the apex of the right lung, 27, left 19½, lower lobe congested with blood; heart 10.	Induration and thickening of the pylorus; stomach 6½, liver 58, spleen 7, pancreas 3½, right kidney 5½, left 6½, small intestines very thin. Weight of the body 99 lbs.; height 6ft.
March 2. 555	May 5, 1855.	44 Married.	Mania; good bodily health.	11 months.	Meningitis; wasted kidney; pleuro-pneumonia.	Dura mater firmly adherent to the skull; much fluid in the cerebral ventricles, also in spinal canal; brain 46¼, spinal cord 1¼.	About a pint of dark fluid in the right pleura, recent lymph on right lung, the lung solid, pneumonia, 63½; oedema left lung, 37; heart large 13.	Weight of the stomach 5½, liver large 73, spleen 6½, pancreas 3½, right kidney small, filled with white purulent matter, weight 3½, left large 9. Weight of the body 143 lbs.; height 5-9.
March 21. 444	August 11, 1853.	47 Married.	General paralysis combined with mania; bad health.	3 years.	Inflammation of cerebral membranes and spinal cord, pleuro-pneumonia.	Opacity of the arachnoid, congestion of blood in the brain, weight 43½. Arachnoid adherent to the spinal cord, some white specks on arachnoid, cord softened internally, firm externally (preserved).	The pleura on posterior surface of both lungs covered with recent lymph, lower lobe right lung in 2nd stage pneumonia, 45, left 25; heart large 12½.	Weight of the stomach 6½, liver 58, spleen 6, pancreas 3½, right kidney 5½, left 6. Weight of the body 134 lbs.; height 5-11.
April 17. 632	April 2, 1856.	42 Married.	Mania; bad bodily health.	5 weeks. Cerebritis.	Cerebritis and phlegmanous; erysipelas left leg.	Dura mater firmly adherent and dry, centrum ovale of Vicq. D'azyr pinkish on right side, 21, congestion of blood in veins on left side, 22, en-	Old pleuritic adhesions to a slight extent on both sides, right lung 16½, left 13½; heart enlarged 15, bony deposit in aorta.	Weight of the stomach 5½, liver 62, spleen 6, pancreas 3, right kidney 5½, left 5. Weight of the body 107 lbs; height 5-8.

POST-MORTEM APPEARANCES And weight of the principal Organs, in Ounces Avoirdupois.		HEAD AND SPINE.		THORAX.		ABDOMEN.		
Date of Death, 1856.	Date of last Admission.	Age at Death and Civil State.	Mental and Bodily condition on admission.	Duration and cause of Disorder.	Assigned Cause of Death.	HEAD AND SPINE.	THORAX.	ABDOMEN.
May 13. 616	Feb'y. 15, 1856.	48 Married.	Mania; bad bodily health.	4 months; Malignant disease of palate.	Ulceration of face, &c., pneumonia.	The brain natural, weight 42; spinal cord softer than natural, weight 1.	The lower lobes of both lungs in 2nd stage of pneumonia, right 46, left 40½; heart 10.	Weight of the stomach 5, liver 60, spleen 5, pancreas 3, right kidney 5, left 6. Weight of the body 102lbs; height 5-8.
May 23. 590	October 6, 1855.	41 Married.	Epilepsy combined with mania; indifferent health.	20 months; over anxiety.	Meningitis, softening of spinal cord, gangrene and pleuropneumonia.	Dura mater adherent, opacity of the arachnoid, which contained ½ oz. of clear fluid, anterior cerebral lobes, especially right, wasted, 18½, left 19, septum lucidum softened, entire brain 44½. A part of central portion of spinal cord softened.	A few tubercles and pleuro-pneumonia upper lobe right lung, 36, congestion of blood in lower lobe left lung, 25½; heart large 11.	Stomach distended with food, 6, congestion of blood in the liver, 89, spleen soft 9, kidneys large, right 6, left 7½, pancreas 5. Weight of the body 125 lbs.; height 5-9.
June 12. 605	January 4, 1856.	22 Single	Epilepsy combined with mania; indifferent health.	From childhood; mania 3 months.	Congestion of blood in brain and lungs, scrofula.	Bones soft, diploe of skull red, congestion of blood in the brain, 47½; spinal cord natural, 1.	Old pleuritic adhesions on both sides, bronchial glands scrofulous, a few tubercles in middle lobe right lung, 13½, congestion of blood in left, 16½; heart small 6½.	Old peritoneal adhesions, a scrofulous mass, ¾ oz., attached to lower margin of liver on right side, stomach 4, liver 33, pancreas 3½, spleen 7, right kidney 3½, left 3. Weight of the body 80 lbs.; height 5-4.
August 7. 496	May 12, 1854.	31 Single	Epilepsy combined with mania; indifferent health.	From boyhood; a fright.	Arachnitis and pneumonia.	The arachnoid thickened, and about 1 oz. of fluid in the sac, brain 40; softening near centre of cord, 1.	Right lung in a state of pneumonia, 35, congestion of blood in the left, 27; heart rather large 10.	Weight of the stomach 4, liver 54, spleen 4½, pancreas 2½, right kidney 4, left 4½. Weight of the body 93 lbs.; height 5-3.
August 15, 426 & 634	April 7, 1856.	38 Widowed	General paralysis; 2nd attack; bad health.	3½ years.	Arachnitis, &c.	Not examined.		

OBITUARY continued.—MALES.

Date of Death, 1856.	Date of last Admission.	Age at Death and Civil State.	Mental and Bodily condition on admission.	Duration and cause of Disorder.	Assigned Cause of Death.	POST-MORTEM APPEARANCES And weight of the principal Organs, in Ounces Avoirdupois.		
						HEAD AND SPINE.	THORAX.	ABDOMEN.
Oct. 10. 639	April 18, 1856.	37 Widowed	Melancholia; 1st attack; bad health.	9 months; grief, &c.	Pulmonary tubercles, pneumonia and nephritis.	The brain natural 42; spinal cord natural.	Old pleuritic adhesions and miliary tubercles in both lungs, the lower lobe right lung in 1st stage of pneumonia, 45, a small cavity lined by a membrane in the apex of the left lung and a portion of lower lobe in 1st stage pneumonia, 26; heart 8.	Intestines natural, weight of the stomach 6, liver 63, fatty, spleen 6½, pancreas 4; purulent matter and softening, and disintegration of the lower and upper end of right kidney, 4½, left kidney enlarged, and middle portion also containing pus, 8 (to P.S.); a pint of urine in bladder, and about 1 ounce of pus. Weight of the body 97 lbs.; height 5-10.
Nov. 19. 635	April 8, 1856.	55 Widowed	Mania; 1st attack; bad health.	9 months; varicose ulcers of legs.	Softening of the brain, enlargement of the heart.	The lateral convolutions of left cerebral hemisphere in a softened state, atheromatous deposit in arteries, brain 48¾.	Old pleuritic adhesions, congestion of blood in right lung, 32½, and in lower lobe left lung, 23; heart greatly enlarged 19; aorta in an atheromatous state.	Organs large, stomach 8½, the liver 66, spleen 9½, pancreas 5, right kidney 6½, left 8; the mesentery and omentum fatty. Weight of the body 187 lbs.; height 6-3.
Dec. 13. 656	August 14, 1856.	61 Married.	Dementia; attack; bad health.	14 months; infirm health.	Meningitis, bronchitis, and enlargement of the heart.	Membranes thickened, much fluid between the convolutions, brain soft, 44½; spinal cord rather soft, 1.	Lungs filled the thorax, general bronchitis, congestion of blood in lower lobe right lung, 39, left 17½; heart much thickened 17.	Intestines natural, stomach weighed 5, liver 46½, spleen 4½, pancreas 2½, right kidney 4, left 4½. Weight of the body 100 lbs.; height 5-6.

POST-MORTEM APPEARANCES And weight of the principal Organs, in Ounces Avoirdupois.		HEAD AND SPINE.	THORAX.	ABDOMEN.								
Date of Death, 1856.	Dec. 29. 573	Date of last Admission.	July 7, 1855.	Age at Death and Civil State.	40 Single	Mental and Bodily condition on admission.	General paralysis combined with dementia; bad health.	Duration and cause of Disorder.	2 years.	Assigned Cause of Death.	Induration of the spinal cord and fluid in the brain; pneumonia.	<p>The brain and spinal cord were unusually firm, the eminent portion very dark coloured, the lateral ventricles dilated and filled with clear fluid, brain 4½.</p> <p>The right pleura contained 1½ pint of brown coloured fluid, the lower lobe of right lung covered with recent lymph, weight of the lung 23½, the lower lobe left lung congested with blood 29; heart 9½.</p> <p>Weight of the stomach 5½, liver 57, spleen 3¼, pancreas 3, right kidney 4¾, left 5½. Weight of the body 102lbs.; height 5-4.</p>



OBITUARY.—FEMALES.—1856.

Date of Death, 1856.	Date of last Admission.	Age at Death and Civil State.	Mental and Bodily condition on admission.	Duration and cause of Disorder.	Assigned Cause of Death.	POST-MORTEM APPEARANCES		
						HEAD AND SPINE.	THORAX.	ABDOMEN.
Jan. 5. 288	December 17, 1850.	68 Single	Dementia; 1st attack; indifferent health.	11 years; hereditary on Mother's side.	Pulmonary phthisis.	Head small, cerebral veins congested with blood, over the middle of right cerebral hemisphere, attached to the dura mater, a piece of true bone, weighing $6\frac{1}{2}$ grains, a corresponding depression in the brain, $33\frac{1}{2}$ . Cord natural 1.	Old pleuritic adhesions at apices of both lungs, and earthy deposit and contraction of pulmonary tissue, evidences of small cavities which had healed right 14, left 8; heart 6.	Some redness in the mucous membrane of the small intestines, weight of the stomach 6, liver 27, right and left lobes nearly equal in size; pancreas 2, each kidney 3. Body emaciated, 54 lbs.; height 5-4.
Feb. 4. 397	September 11, 1852.	37 Single	Epilepsy combined with mania; good health.	11 years; disappointment.	Congestion of blood in the brain, pneumonia.	The vessels of the brain congested with blood, and numerous bloody puncta on the cut surfaces; weight of the brain $44\frac{3}{4}$ . Spinal cord natural, weight 1 oz. There was a large quantity of fluid in the arachnoid and between the sulci in the pia mater, brain 40.	The lower lobes of both lungs in the 1st stage of pneumonia, but most extensive in the right, weight 29, left $18\frac{1}{2}$ ; heart natural 9.	Organs natural, weight of the stomach $5\frac{1}{4}$ , liver 43, right kidney $3\frac{3}{4}$ , left $5\frac{1}{2}$ , uterus $3\frac{1}{2}$ . Weight of the body 107 lbs.; height 5-6.
Feb. 24. 563	April 30, 1855.	47 Married.	Mania; 1st attack; indifferent health.	1 year; anxiety about her affairs.	Arachnitis, pneumonia in right lung, renal calculus.	The lower lobe of the right lung in the 2nd stage of pneumonia, weight 16, left natural 11; heart small $6\frac{1}{2}$ .  The body emaciated, 72 lbs.; height 5-5.	Stomach contracted $4\frac{1}{2}$ , liver 39, spleen 4, pancreas $2\frac{1}{2}$ , right kidney wasted, a calculus, size of a date stone, firmly impacted in the pelvis, wt. 1, left kidney enlarged $8\frac{1}{2}$ , it contained gritty matter and a little pus. Weight of the stomach 5, liver $38\frac{1}{2}$ , spleen $2\frac{3}{4}$ , pancreas $3\frac{1}{2}$ , right kidney 3, left $3\frac{3}{4}$ , rectum contracted and redness of mu-	
March 11. 569	May 16, 1855.	36 Married.	Epilepsy combined with mania; 1st attack; indifferent health.	3 years; poverty.	Congestion of blood in the brain.	An ounce of fluid blood from scalp when cut; dura mater adherent, the cerebral vessel congested with blood. red puncta	Old pleuritic adhesions on both sides, right lung weighed $12\frac{3}{4}$ , left $14\frac{3}{4}$ ; about one-fourth of lower lobe congested	

POST-MORTEM APPEARANCES And weight of the principal Organs, in Ounces Avoirdupois.									
Date of Death. 1856.	Date of last Admission.	Age at Death and Civil State.	Mental and Bodily condition on admission.	Duration and cause of Disorder.	Assigned Cause of Death.	HEAD AND SPINE.	THORAX.	ABDOMEN.	
March 26. 118	October 31, 1848.	80 Married.	Dementia; good health.	20 years.	Meningitis, fatty heart.	The dura mater firmly adherent to the skull, about 4 ounces of straw coloured fluid in the sac of the arachnoid, the brain soft, dotted with red puncta, 41½.	Old pleuritic adhesions on both sides, right lung 9, left 12, the lower part congested with blood; heart 9, fatty degeneration of muscular structure.	Omentum loaded with fat. weight of the stomach 4, liver 41, spleen 3¼, right kidney 2½, left 3½. Wt. of the body 103 lbs.; height 5-3.	
April 10. 612	December 29, 1855.	70 Married.	Hemiplegia left side; bad health.	7 months; apoplexy.	Softening, &c., of the brain.	The skull unusually thick, the dura mater adherent, arachnoid thickened, the remains of a clot of blood about middle of right hemisphere on the outer side, surrounding part soft, ventricles dilated with fluid, left cerebral hemisphere 1 ounce heavier than right, brain 40½. Spinal cord natural.	The lower lobes of lungs collapsed, in a healthy state, the right weighed 13, left 8; the heart nearly covered with fat, valves natural, weight 12½.	Much subcutaneous fat, and the omentum fatty, an ulcer, the size of a halfpenny, at the lesser curvature of the stomach, weight 7, liver 36, spleen soft 4½, pancreas large and hard 4½, right kidney 3½, left 3½. Weight of the body 130 lbs.	
April 10. 617	February 20, 1856.	63 Married.	Melancholia, paralytic; 1st attack; bad health.	1 year; cerebral inflammation.	Softening and interstitial apoplexy of brain.	Skull thick and dura mater adherent, flattening and fluctuation about centre of right cerebral hemisphere, brain softened and cellular at that part, numerous exudation corpuscles (of Bennett) found in softened part; right 1¼ oz. lighter than the left cerebral hemisphere; and "optic thalamus" were mottled red from infiltration of blood, the structure around softened, brain weighed 42. Spinal cord natural.	Old but not extensive adhesions of the pleura on both sides, right lung 15, slight congestion of blood in the lower lobe of the left lung, 18; heart 9.	The omentum fatty, the mucous membrane of the stomach mottled of a dark colour 4, liver indurated 35, spleen 3½, pancreas 2½, each kidney 3½; some blood in the fundus of uterus 2½, redness of the mucous membrane of the rectum. Weight of the body 102 lbs.; height 5-6.	

OBITUARY continued.—FEMALES.

Date of Death, 1856.	Date of last admission.	Age at Death and Civil State.	Mental and Bodily condition on admission.	Duration and cause of Disorder.	Assigned Cause of Death.	POST-MORTEM APPEARANCES, And weight of the various Organs, in Ounces Avoirdupois.		
						HEAD AND SPINE.	THORAX.	ABDOMEN.
May 16. 611	December 18, 1855.	45 Widow.	Melancholia; 2nd attack; indifferent health.	10 months; Religious delusions.	Inflammation of the serous membranes.	The cerebral ventricles distended with fluid; brain 45.	Recent lymph on the pulmonary pleura on both sides, each lung 20; the surface of the heart rough from a coating of recent lymph, 11.	The intestines matted together with recent lymph and the peritoneum red; liver congested with blood 54, stomach 6½, spleen 10½, pancreas 4, each kidney 6. Weight of the body 102 lbs.; height 5-4.
June 8. 414	December 27, 1852.	26 Single	Epilepsy combined with dementia; bad health.	14 years; hereditary.	Gangrene of lung, pulmonary phthisis, and enteritis.	The dura mater unusually adherent, the brain unusually firm, the left side of it of a pinkish colour. Spinal cord was unusually firm, 1.	Pleuritic adhesions on both sides, recent lymph on lower lobe of right lung, softened tubercles in the middle lobe, 21½, a large cavity in the apex of the left lung, and the interior in a gangrenous state, 31; heart 8½.	Inflammation and ulceration of the lower portion of ileum for 18 inches, and also of the ascending colon. Weight of the stomach 5, liver 49½, spleen 4½, pancreas 3, each kidney 4½. Weight of the body 77 lbs.; height 5-2.
July 9. 629	April 11, 1856.	71 Married.	Dementia; bad health.	1st 15 months.	Choked by a piece of beef, C. Inq.; meningitis and bronchitis.	Dura mater strongly attached to skull, much fluid in the cerebral ventricles, the brain pale, left cerebral hemisphere 1 oz. heavier than the right, 46½.	No pleuritic adhesions; the upper portion of right lung indurated, congestion of blood in lower lobe, redness of bronchial lining membrane, 19½, left 15½; heart 9.	Weight of the stomach 5½, liver 50, spleen 4½, pancreas 3½, right kidney 3½, left 3½, intestines natural. Height of the body 5-4.

POST-MORTEM APPEARANCES  
And weight of the principal Organs, in Ounces Avoirdupois.

Date of Death, 1856.	Date of last Admission.	Age at Death and Civil State.	Mental and Bodily condition on admission.	Duration and cause of Disorder.	Assigned Cause of Death.	POST-MORTEM APPEARANCES		
						HEAD AND SPINE.	THORAX.	ABDOMEN.
July 14. 623	March 22, 1856.	76 Single	Dementia; 1st attack; bad health.	5 months.	Meningitis and bronchitis, ery- sipelas left arm.	The dura mater very firmly adherent to the skull, ventricles contained more fluid than natural, white specks in cerebral arteries, weight of brain 48. About 2 inches of the lower end of cauda equina softened.	The bronchial lining mem- brane red, and covered with purulent matter, right lung 18, left 20; heart 8½.	Weight of the stomach 5, liver 37, spleen 3½, pan- creas 2½, right kidney 3, left 3½. Height of the body 5-2.
July 15. 645	July 11, 1856.	55 Widow.	Dementia; 1st attack; indif- ferent health.	7 months.	Meningitis and cerebral soft- ening.	The arachnoid thickened, fluid between the convo- lutions, which were wasted, the anterior por- tion of left cerebral he- misphere softened, also softening of the central portion, brain 42. The spinal cord natural.	Slight pleuritic adhesions at the apex of each lung, puckering of the apex of the right, weight 15, left 8; heart small 6.	Weight of the stomach 3½, liver 31½, spleen 3½, pan- creas 2½, right kidney 3½, left 4. Weight of the body 61 lbs.; height 5-1.
August 27. 589	September 17, 1855.	23 Single	Mania; 2nd at- tack; bad health.	13 months.	Cerebritis and softening.	The brain in a pulpy state, weight 43½. Spinal cord natural, 1.	Old pleuritic adhesions on the right side, right lung congested with blood 25, left natural 16½; heart 8.	Weight of the stomach 5½, liver 24½, pancreas 3½, spleen enormously en- larged in two equally sized lobes, 16½, each kidney 5. Weight of the body 76 lbs.; height 5-4.
October 7. 652	August 7, 1856.	28 Mar- ried.	Monomania; 1st attack; bad health.	2 months; grief.	Pulmonary phthisis.	Roughness of the arach- noid membrane, brain natural colour, large 48¾. Spinal cord natu- ral, 1.	Pleuritic adhesions on both sides, tuberculous cavi- ties in the apices of both lungs, largest in the left; right lung 14, left 16; heart small 6½.	Mucous membrane of in- testines natural. Weight of the stomach 4½, liver 36, spleen 4, pancreas 2, right kidney 3, left 4. Weight of the body 56 lbs.; height 5-3.

OBITUARY continued.—FEMALES.

POST-MORTEM APPEARANCES And weight of principal Organs, in Ounces Avoirdupois.		HEAD AND SPINE.		THORAX.		ABDOMEN.	
Date of Death, 1856.	Date of last Admission.	Age at Death and Civil State.	Mental and Bodily condition on admission.	Duration and cause of Disorder.	Assigned Cause of Death.	And weight of principal Organs, in Ounces Avoirdupois.	POST-MORTEM APPEARANCES
October 21. 640	June 9, 1856.	51 Single	Paralysis combined with imbecility; 1st attack; very bad health.	Several years, bed-ridden; cerebral disease.	Chronic arachnitis, pneumonia.	The lower lobe right lung in the 1st stage of pneumonia, weight 15, left 10½; heart 7.	Organs below the average; weight of stomach 4, liver 31½, spleen 2, pancreas 2½, right kidney 3½, left 3½, renal capsules ½. Weight of the body 57 lbs.; height 5 feet.
Nov. 3. 456	August 25, 1853.	40 Married.	Melancholia; 1st attack; indifferent health.	3½ years; hereditary on Mother's side.	Cachexy, bronchitis, diarrhoea.	Muco-purulent matter in the bronchial tubes, cavities, lower lobe right lung, weight 17, left 13½; heart small 6½.	Stomach large, descending lower than usual, coats thin, the weight 4½, liver 38, spleen 5½, pancreas 2½, right kidney 4, left 3½. Weight of the body 86 lbs.; height 5-2.
Nov. 17. 641	June 14, 1856.	75 Married.	Dementia; bad health.	1 year; injury to the head.	Meningitis and asthma.	Lungs emphysematous, muco-purulent matter in bronchial tubes, right 14, left 11; heart 9.	Melanosis of stomach, large 7; liver hard 35, spleen 3½, right kidney 3½, left 4, redness lining membrane duodenum.
Nov. 22. 651	August 7, 1856.	72 Widow.	Dementia; 2nd attack; bad health.	2½ years.	Cachexy, colitis, bed sores.	Lungs natural, earthy deposit, size of a pea, in each apex, right 9½, left 11; heart 7½.	Gall bladder entirely filled with a large gall stone, which weighed 1, liver indurated 39, stomach 5, spleen 5, right kidney 4, left 2½. Mucous membranes colon inflamed. Height 5 feet; weight 74 lbs.

POST-MORTEM APPEARANCES And weight of the principal Organs, in Ounces Avoirdupois.								
Date of Death, 1856.	Date of last Admission.	Age at Death and Civil State.	Mental and Bodily condition on admission.	Duration and cause of Disorder.	Assigned Cause of Death.	HEAD AND SPINE.	THORAX.	ABDOMEN.
						Nov. 30. 632	May 6, 1856.	81 Widow.
Dec. 2. 644	July 3, 1856.	66 Married.	Mania; 1st attack; bad health.	1 year.	Abscess "in perineo."	Diploë of skull unusually red, brain firm, 1 oz. of fluid in ventricles, 40. Spinal cord natural, 1.	Old pleuritic adhesions on both sides, each lung 10; heart $9\frac{1}{2}$ .	Fatty omentum, intestines natural, abscess in perineo, parts dark coloured; stomach 5, liver 50, spleen 4, pancreas 3, each kidney $4\frac{1}{2}$ . Height 5-1; weight 107 lbs.

## SUMMARY OF THE OBITUARY.

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The mortality in 1856 was lower amongst the males than in any year preceding, amounting only to 16, and what is unusual was greater amongst the females than the males, amounting to 20; total deaths during the year, 36. Most deaths occurred in the first and last quarters, and more than two thirds were from pulmonary diseases. In the first three months 6 males and 5 females died; in the second three months 4 males and 4 females; in the third three months, 2 males and 4 females; and in the fourth three months 4 males and 7 females. The number of *days under treatment* in the asylum varied in the males from 15 to 932, and in the females from 34 to 2703: the average duration for the males was 349, and for the females 544 days.

*Age.*—2 males and 1 female were from 20 to 25; 2 males and 2 females from 25 to 30; 1 male between 30 and 35; 2 males and 2 females from 35 to 40; 4 males and 1 female from 40 to 45; 2 males and 2 females from 45 to 50; 1 female between 50 and 55; 2 males and 1 female from 55 to 60; 1 male and 1 female from 60 to 65; 2 females from 65 to 70; 3 females from 70 to 75; 2 females from 75 to 80; and 2 females 80 and upwards. The *civil state*, of 6 males and 6 females was single, 7 males and 10 females were married, and 3 males and 4 females were widowed. *Mental state* on admission; 4 males and 3 females were in a state of mania, 2 males and 7 females in a state of dementia, two males and 3 females in a state of melancholia, 1 female had monomania, 1 male was an idiot with epilepsy, and 4 males and 3 females had epilepsy combined with mania, in the males and 2 of the females, and in the other female with dementia; 3 males had general paralysis in one of them, combined with dementia and in 1 with mania, 2 females had paralysis from lesion of the brain, combined with imbecility, 1 female was in a state of senile fatuity. The *bodily condition* on admission was good in 1 male and 2 females, indifferent in 5 males and 6 females, and bad in 10 males and 12 females.

*Duration of the disorder*; under 3 months in 1 male and 1 female, from 3 to 6 months in 1 male and 1 female, from 6 to

12 months in 4 males and 3 females, from 1 to 2 years in 3 and 7 females, from 2 to 4 years in 3 males and 3 females, from 11 to 20 years in 4 females, for many years in 1 female, from childhood in 4 males.

*Causes of the disorder* ; 1ST PHYSICAL ; congenital in 3 males, in 2 males and 3 females hereditary on the father's side in the males, and on the mother's side in two of the females, injury to the head in 1 female, cerebritis in 1 male and 2 females, bodily disease in 3 males and 1 female, old age in 1 female ; 2ND MORAL ; grief in 2 males and 1 female, anxiety in 1 male and 1 female, disappointment in 1 female, religious delusions in 1 female, fright in 1 male, poverty in 1 female, not ascertained in 3 males and 7 females.

*Assigned cause of death* ; hypertrophy of the brain in 1 male and apoplexy of spinal canal, cerebral apoplexy in 1 female, and cerebral congestion in 1 male and 3 females, inflammation of the cerebral membranes, usually chronic in 6 males and 8 females, inflammation of the brain usually with softening, in 2 males and 3 females : inflammation of the lungs in 6 males and 3 females, bronchitis in 4 females, pulmonary phthisis in 3 males and 3 females, enlarged heart in 2 males, fatty heart in 1 female : inflammation of the kidney in 1 male, renal calculus in 1 female, granular and atrophied kidneys in 1 male and 1 female ; erysipelas in 1 male and 1 female ; lumbar abscess in 1 male and 1 female, scrofula in 1 female, cachexy in 2 females ; inflammation of the colon in 1 female ; and 1 female was suffocated by a piece of meat at dinner.

*Appearances after death and weight of the principal organs, in 15 males and 20 females.*—

*Head and Spine.*—the skull was unusually thick in 1 male and 3 females, the bone soft in 1 male, the diploe unusually red from blood in 1 male and 1 female, the dura matter adherent in 5 males and 5 females, and archnoid thickened in 4 males and 5 females, the convolution from hypertrophy flattened in 1 male, wasted in 1 female, brain pale in 1 male and 3 females, brain soft in 4 males and 4 females, congestion of blood in the brain in 1 male and 3 females, apoplexy in 1 female, an unusually large quantity of fluid in the ventricles in 4 males and 7 females, the brain unusually firm in 1 male and 3 females, a small bone on the cerebrum in 1 female, the cerebral hemispheres unequal



in size in 2 males and 2 females, atheromatous deposit in arteries in 1 male, the brain natural in 2 males and 1 female. The weight of the brain varied in the males from 30 to  $56\frac{1}{2}$ , and in the females from  $33\frac{3}{4}$  to  $48\frac{1}{2}$  ounces, the average weight in the males was  $45\frac{1}{2}$  and in the females  $42\frac{1}{4}$  ounces. Six male and 7 female brains were above the average weight, and 8 males and 7 females below it.

Fluid blood in the spinal canal in 1 male and serous fluid in 1 male, white specks on spinal arachnoid in 1 male, the spinal cord softened in 3 males and 1 female, the spinal cord firm in 1 male.

*Thorax.*—Pleuritic adhesions of some standing, existed in 5 males and 8 females, recent pleuritis in 4 males and 1 female combined with fluid in the chest in 2 males, congestion of blood in the lower lobes and more depending portion of the lungs in 6 males and 6 females, inflammation of the lungs in 4 males principally in the right, and 1 female; pulmonary tubercles in 4 males principally in the right lung, tuberculous cavities in the right lung in 2 males and 2 females, in 1 female in the left lung and combined with gangrene; bronchitis in 1 male and 4 females, and emphysema in 1 female, œdema of the left lung in 1 male, the bronchial glands scrofulous in 1 male, lungs in a healthy state in 4 females. Pericardites in 1 female, the heart enlarged in 4 males and 2 females, heart unusually small in 1 male and 4 females, and fatty in 2 females; atheromatous and bony deposits in the aorta in 2 males. The heart varied in weight in 15 males from  $6\frac{1}{2}$  to 19 ounces and in 20 females from 6 to  $12\frac{1}{2}$  ounces, the average weight in the males was 11.3 and in the females 8.3 ounces. The right lung varied in weight in 15 males from  $13\frac{1}{2}$  to 72 ounces and in 20 females from  $8\frac{1}{2}$  to 29 ounces, the average weight in the males was 35.6 and in the females 15.6 ounces; the left lung varied in the males from  $8\frac{1}{2}$  to 42 ounces and in the females 8 to 20 ounces, and the average weight in the males was 24.5 and in the females 14.1 ounces.

*Abdomen.*—Organs natural in 4 males and 6 females, generally enlarged in 1 male, and small in 1 female, peritonitis in 1 male and 1 female, enteritis in 5 females, gastritis in 1 male and 1 female, pylorus indurated in 1 male, the stomach elongated in 3 females, stomach ulcerated in 1 female, stomach contracted in 1 male, melanosis of stomach in 1 female, blood effused on mucous mem-

brane of intestines in 1 female, omentum fatty in 4 females, the liver enlarged in 3 males, fatty in 1 male, scrofulous tumor in liver in 1 male, gall stones in 1 female, the spleen softened in 1 male and 1 female, enlarged in 2 females, pancreas enlarged in 1 female, the right kidney wasted and containing a calculus in 1 female, both kidneys wasted in 1 male and 3 females, kidneys enlarged in 1 male and 1 female, right kidney enlarged in 1 male, nephritis in 2 males, kidneys congested in 1 male and 1 female; the body emaciated in 3 females. *The weight* of the stomach varied in 15 males from 5 to  $8\frac{1}{2}$  ounces and in 20 females from  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 7 ounces, the average weight in the male was 5.7 and in the female 5 ounces; the liver varied in 15 males from 33 to 73 ounces and in 20 females from 27 to 50 ounces, the average weight in the male was 58.8 and in the female 38.6 ounces; the spleen varied in 15 males from  $3\frac{1}{4}$  to 9 ounces and in 18 females from 2 to  $16\frac{1}{2}$  ounces, the average weight in the male was 6 and in the female 4.8 ounces; the pancreas varied in 14 males from  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 ounces and in 16 females from 2 to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ounces, the average weight in the male was 3.4 and in the female 3 ounces. The right kidney varied in 15 males from  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to  $6\frac{1}{2}$  ounces and in 20 females from 1 to 6 ounces, the average weight in the male was 4.8 and the female 3.5 ounces, the left kidney varied in 15 males from 3 to  $9\frac{1}{2}$  ounces and in 20 females from  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to  $8\frac{1}{2}$  ounces, the average weight in the male was 5.9 and in the female 4.1 ounces.

The weight of the entire body varied in 13 males from 80 to 143 lbs., and in 17 females from 54 to 130 lbs., the average weight in the male was 112.3 and in the female 77.8 lbs. The height varied in 13 males from 5 feet 3 inches to 6 feet, and in 18 females from 5 to 5 feet 6 inches, the average height in the male was 5 feet 8 inches and in the female 5 feet 2 inches, which is probably about two inches more than the average during life.

RETURN OF MALE WORKING PATIENTS  
FOR THE YEAR 1856.

No. of Patients, and how employed.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total
<b>ARTISANS.</b>													
3 in Bakehouse & Brewhouse	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	36
4 as Carpenters .....	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	48
1 at Furnaces .....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
4 as Masons .....	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	48
2 as Painters .....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	24
2 in Smith's Shop .....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	24
5 as Shoemakers .....	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	60
3 as Tailors .....	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	36
<b>24 Total .....</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>288</b>
<b>LABOURERS.</b>													
10 Assisting Attendants ....	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	60
1 on Roadway .....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
5 in Quarry .....	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	48
25 on Farm .....	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	144
2 in Foul Linen House ....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	24
10 in Garden .....	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	72
2 in Kitchen .....	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	24
1 at Limekiln .....	1	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	12
1 as Coal Porter .....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
1 in Stone Shed .....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
2 as Coir Pickers .....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
1 in Store Room .....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
<b>61 Total .....</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>444</b>

The labour of 24 artisans, valued at 15s. a week, the same as last year, amounts to £216; and of 61 labourers, at 12s. a week, to £264; total, £480. There have been seen 12 labourers less this year than last, and a falling off of £46 4s. in the value of the labour.

LIST OF WORK DONE BY SOME OF THE MALE PATIENTS  
DURING THE YEAR.

TAILORS.	SHOEMAKERS.
Jackets .. .. . 70	Women's Shoes (pairs) .. .. . 27
Trousers .. .. . 137	Ditto Slippers do. .. .. . 11
Waistcoats .. .. . 102	Ditto Boots do. .. .. . 8
Ditto with sleeves .. .. . 18	Boys do. .. .. . 8
Drawers .. .. . 57	Ditto Shoes do. .. .. . 8
Towels .. .. . 26	Mens's Strong Boots do. .. .. . 4
	Ditto Light Shoes do. .. .. . 11
<b>Total Made .. .. . 410</b>	<b>Total Made .. .. . 59</b>
<b>Ditto Repaired .. .. . 107</b>	<b>Ditto Repaired (pairs) .. .. . 27</b>
<b>517</b>	<b>86</b>

MATRON'S RETURN OF  
ARTICLES MADE BY THE FEMALE PATIENTS,  
*From 1st January to 31st December, 1856.*

FEMALE CLOTHING.	MALE CLOTHING.
Dresses .. .. . 252	Shirts .. .. . 171
Under Garments .. .. . 289	Waistcoats .. .. . 52
Petticoats .. .. . 38	Trousers.. .. . 87
Pinnafores .. .. . 147	Caps .. .. . 88
Aprons .. .. . 278	Braces (pairs) .. .. . 12
Bedgowns (day) .. .. . 73	Neck ties .. .. . 106
Day Caps .. .. . 267	
Night Caps .. .. . 12	516
Neckerchiefs.. .. . 272	
Pairs Stockings (knitted) .. .. . 54	SUNDRIES.
Ditto Stockings (footed) .. .. . 137	Shrouds .. .. . 41
Strong Dresses .. .. . 29	Sheets .. .. . 177
Strong Trousers .. .. . 24	Pillow cases .. .. . 105
Strong Rugs .. .. . 26	Bed cases .. .. . 49
Nightgowns .. .. . 18	Table cloths .. .. . 14
Flannel Petticoats .. .. . 53	Bound Towels .. .. . 55
Straw and other Bonnets .. .. . 26	Bags .. .. . 2
Pairs Boots and Shoes (bound).. .. . 457	
2452	443

Stockings repaired upon an average 200 pairs per week, and other articles  
in proportion.

SUMMARY OF COST PER WEEK.

1 Salaries and Wages .. .. .	s. d.
2 Provisions .. .. .	1 3
3 Necessaries.. .. .	5 1
4 Surgery and Dispensary .. .. .	0 7 $\frac{3}{4}$
5 Wines, Spirits, and Porter .. .. .	0 0 $\frac{3}{4}$
6 Clothing .. .. .	0 6
7 Repairs, Furnishing, and Bedding .. .. .	0 2 $\frac{3}{4}$
8 Farm and Garden .. .. .	0 6 $\frac{1}{4}$
9 Miscellaneous .. .. .	0 2
	8 6 $\frac{1}{4}$
Less from Miscellaneous Receipt and Valuation of Produce from the Farm and Garden used in the Establishment .. .. .	0 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Actual Cost .. .. .	7 6 $\frac{3}{4}$

A STATEMENT OF THE FARM  
FOR THE

*Dr.*

1856.	£.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To valuation of Stock, &c., as per year ending 1855:—						
Live Stock .....	271	5	6			
Dead do. ....	124	7	0			
Vegetables and Roots .....	357	13	0			
To Cash paid for—				753	5	6
Live Stock .....	136	0	0			
Corn, Hay, Seed, Straw, and sundry expenses .....	162	8	9½			
Shoeing and Cattle Medicine	3	15	6			
Tools and Draining Pipes	23	0	3			
Manure and Horse hire.....	24	9	6			
Tithes, Rent-charge and Poor Rates.....	24	15	10½			
To Land rented, 12 acres and 2 quarters .....	36	0	0			
To Wages:—						
The Bailiff, Carter, Garden- er and Cowherd .....	98	17	0			
				509	6	11
To Valuation of 35 acres of Land, together with a Lodge and Cottage .....				87	10	0
To Provisions supplied from the house, including a pro- portion of the maintenance of 3 farm attendants.....				56	1	2
To Coal.....				4	6	6
To Grains and Wash .....				29	2	0
In favour of Farm, including the labour of patients and their attendants .....				363	11	10
				£1803	3	11

AND GARDEN ACCOUNT,  
YEAR 1856.

	<i>Contra.</i>			<i>Cr.</i>		
1856.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
By Farm produce .....	491	9	7			
By Garden ditto .....	373	17	11			
	<hr/>			865	7	6
By Cash received :—						
Bones .....	7	0	0			
Hide and Tallow .....	7	13	0			
Stock ( <i>live</i> ) .....	31	6	5			
Fruit .....	0	4	0			
Mangold Wurzel .....	0	19	0			
	<hr/>			47	2	5
By Valuation of work not connected with the Farm done by the horses .....				42	4	0
By valuation of Straw and Reed for various purposes....				3	6	0
Present Stock, viz:—						
Live Stock .....	320	1	0			
Dead ditto .....	115	10	0			
Vegetables and Roots .....	409	13	0			
	<hr/>			845	4	0
				<hr/>		
				£1803	3	11



THE CONSUMPTION OF PROVISIONS AND NECESSARIES,  
 And collective number of days of Patients, Officers, and Attendants,  
 Between the 1st day of January and the 31st day of December, 1856.

ARTICLES.	QUANTITY.
Loaves, 4lbs. .. .. .	37,126
Flour for Puddings, &c. .. .. .	66½ sacks
Beef .. .. .	46,540½ lbs.
Mutton .. .. .	9,445½ "
Pork and Bacon .. .. .	2,372½ "
Cheese .. .. .	5,232 "
Butter .. .. .	6,260 "
Cream .. .. .	380 pints
Milk .. .. .	8,849 gallons
Tea .. .. .	1,087¾ lbs.
Coffee .. .. .	848 "
Sugar .. .. .	4,484 "
Ditto (Lump) .. .. .	230 "
Rice .. .. .	1,682 "
Oatmeal .. .. .	360 "
Mustard .. .. .	21 "
Pepper .. .. .	105 "
Salt .. .. .	45 cwt.
Fish (Salt) .. .. .	674 lbs.
Raisins .. .. .	194 "
Fowls .. .. .	8 no.
Treacle .. .. .	440 lbs.
Vinegar .. .. .	32 gallons ¾ pints
Peas (Field) .. .. .	27 bushels
Tobacco .. .. .	236 lbs.
Snuff .. .. .	9 "
Porter .. .. .	905 gallons 3 pints
Ale .. .. .	11,497 " 3 "
Cider .. .. .	376 " 7 "
<b>VEGETABLES.</b>	
Potatoes .. .. .	2,955½ pecks
Parsnips .. .. .	1,230 "
Carrots .. .. .	660½ "
Turnips .. .. .	1,427 "
Onions .. .. .	490 "
Artichokes .. .. .	30 "
Cabbage .. .. .	45,262 lbs.
Celery .. .. .	194 sticks
Brocoli .. .. .	2,768 no.
Beans .. .. .	235 pecks
Peas (Green) .. .. .	160 "
Leeks .. .. .	245 nos.
<b>NECESSARIES.</b>	
Candles (Dips) .. .. .	538 lbs.
Ditto (Moulds and Composition) .. .. .	200½ "
Soap .. .. .	3,408 "
Ditto (Soft) .. .. .	1,614 "
Soda .. .. .	6,423 "
Starch .. .. .	250 "
Blue .. .. .	27 "
Coal (Hard) .. .. .	524 tons 7 cwt.
Ditto (Small) .. .. .	72 " 9 "
Ditto (Gas) .. .. .	21 " 5 "
Coke .. .. .	92 " 13 "
Collective No. of days of Patients .. .. .	132,974
"    "    Officers and Attendants .. .. .	11,648
Total .. .. .	144,622



A STATEMENT SHEWING THE SUMS RECEIVED FROM UNIONS  
FOR THE CARE, MAINTENANCE, &c, OF PATIENTS,  
*For the Year 1856.*

UNIONS.	MAINTENANCE.			FUNERALS.			FETCHING AND REMOVING.			TOTALS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Axbridge .. .. .	576	16	5	..	..	..	0	4	0	577	0	..
Bath .. .. .	1100	6	10	3	0	0	0	5	0	1103	11	10
Bath Council.. .. .	39	13	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	39	13	..
Beaminster .. .. .	19	16	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	16	..
Bedminster .. .. .	490	3	1	2	14	6	0	15	0	493	2	..
Bradford .. .. .	14	11	5	1	10	0	..	..	..	16	1	..
Bridgwater .. .. .	442	9	9	7	18	0	..	..	..	450	7	..
Chard .. .. .	361	18	10	1	10	0	..	..	..	363	8	10
Clutton .. .. .	491	9	1	0	10	6	..	..	..	491	19	..
Dulverton .. .. .	111	2	9	1	10	0	..	..	..	113	2	..
Frome .. .. .	516	15	0	2	6	0	12	12	0	531	13	..
Keynsham .. .. .	114	2	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	114	2	..
Langport .. .. .	210	18	6	4	10	0	..	..	..	215	8	..
Mere .. .. .	59	9	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	59	9	..
Shepton Mallet .. .. .	323	4	3	1	10	0	..	..	..	234	14	..
Taunton.. .. .	666	7	2	1	10	0	..	..	..	667	17	..
Wellington .. .. .	465	1	6	3	4	6	..	..	..	468	6	..
Wells .. .. .	394	18	7	1	1	0	0	13	6	396	13	..
Wincanton .. .. .	195	0	0	4	9	0	3	18	0	203	7	..
Williton.. .. .	233	11	4	3	0	0	0	10	0	237	1	..
Yeovil .. .. .	278	8	4	..	..	..	2	8	0	280	16	..
The Treasurer of the County of Somerset .. .. .	34	15	6	..	..	..	0	14	0	35	9	..
Chipping Sodbury .. .. .	19	5	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	5	..
Colchester .. .. .	7	8	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	8	..
Crediton.. .. .	3	12	7	..	..	..	0	5	0	3	17	..
Leigh on Mendip .. .. .	9	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	3	..
Ludlow .. .. .	8	0	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	0	..
North Leach.. .. .	11	1	0	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	1	..
Warminster .. .. .	2	14	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	14	..
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>7202</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7264</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>..</b>

*Excess charge for Patients from Boroughs and Counties not contributing to the original cost of building the Asylum, and placed to the credit of the Building account, vide page 00.*

1	Bath Borough .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	310	2	7
2	Ditto Council .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	15	6
3	Bedminster .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	62	2	9
4	Bridgwater Borough .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	88	12	9
5	Chipping Sodbury .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	6	11
6	Colchester .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	9
7	Crediton (Devon) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	10	3
8	Ludlow (Salop) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	11	0
9	North Leach .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	13	0
10	Warminster (Wilts) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	17	6
								<b>£513</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>

BUILDING ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1856.

Dr.		Cr.	
	£. s. d.		£. s. d.
1856.		1856.	
To amount paid for Materials .....	572 13 11	By Balance brought forward from end of the year.	659 1 4
To amount paid for Wages .....	170 9 6	By excess charge for Patients from Boroughs and Counties not contributing to the original cost of building the Asylum .....	513 15 0
Balance with the Treasurer .....	429 12 11		
	<hr/> £1172 16 4		<hr/> £1172 16 4

# BALANCE SHEET

OR GENERAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OF THE SOMERSET COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM,  
Between the 1st of January and the 31st of December, 1856.

Receipts.		Payments.	
	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand on the 31st December, 1855 .....	65	3	4
Received from Unions on account of Pauper Patients .....	7202	15	2
Do. for Funerals .....	39	13	6
Do. for Removals .....	22	4	6
Do. from Sales and Produce of Farm .....	47	2	5
Do. from Garden and Farm for Establishment .....	865	7	6
Do. Miscellaneous .....	6	10	4
By paid for Salaries and Wages as per Ledger .....	1189	9	6
Provisions .....	4838	9	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
Necessaries .....	622	1	1 $\frac{3}{4}$
Surgery and Dispensary ..	63	16	8
Wine, Spirits, and Porter ..	65	4	0
Repairs, Furnishing, and Bedding.....	217	16	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Clothing and Leather for Shoes .....	476	1	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Printing, Stationery, Receipt and Postage Stamps....	80	5	2
Faun and Garden .....	509	6	11
Funeral Expenses .....	39	13	6
Removing Patients .....	22	4	6
Fire Insurance .....	10	19	6
Miscellaneous .....	74	15	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
Balance, Treasurer .....	11	19	8
Clerk .....	20	18	7 $\frac{3}{4}$
Bailiff .....	5	14	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
	38	12	7 $\frac{1}{4}$
	£8248	16	9

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R. B. COLES, } Visiting Justices  
J. C. SOMERVILLE, } and Auditors.

GEO. WM. GUNN, }  
Clerk and Steward.