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REPORT.

THROUGHOUT the course of the last eventful year, an important improvement has taken place in the health of the whole household. A year so teeming with interest has been unknown in this country, for the last century. The Asiatic Cholera, in its most malignant form, made its appearance in Wakefield in the month of June, and at first (with the exception of a solitary case) was confined to the House of Correction, where it carried off 20 prisoners.

At length, locality appeared to lose its influence, victims were found in every part

of the town: and the Northern suburbs suffered equally with the town itself. As soon as it was known to the visiting Justices that the disease was in the neighbourhood, they immediately called a special meeting, to take into consideration the most judicious steps for preventing (as far as human means could do) the introduction of Cholera into the Asylum. Orders were issued that strangers should not be admitted, nor patients from infected districts received. Two only, however, were refused admission, one from the Workhouse in Sheffield, the other from the Lancaster Asylum, in both of which places the disease raged with great violence. The patients were regularly bathed twice a week, instead of once, as formerly; and every individual, on admission, was kept apart from the rest, for the space of a week or ten days, until the state of the bowels of such patient could be as-

certained, and suitable medicines administered. These measures were successful ; for while Cholera seized victims in almost every situation and class of society, the cell of the Maniac escaped ; and throughout the whole of the Summer the Asylum was never known in a more healthy state than during that period.

One Overseer has been fined for neglecting to send a pauper within the given time after the first attack of insanity, as directed by the Act of Parliament. It is a circumstance much to be lamented, that a sense of duty generally operates little with these persons, when the consideration of pounds, shillings and pence is concerned. Whilst the poor sufferer can be maintained in the Workhouse at little more than half the expense required in the Asylum ; too often the parent (whether male or female) of a

large and dependant family is doomed to the treatment such places afford ; delay and improper means confirm the disease ; the parent becomes an incurable Lunatic ; and, to save the present expense of a few pounds, the whole family become a continued burthen upon the parish.

The average number of patients in the House, during the last year, has been 285, the admissions more numerous than in any preceding year ; of these a great proportion have been incurables. The number discharged has been less, which is accounted for by the number of deaths being diminished, and as it is generally amongst the worst class of patients that death occurs in the Institution, the number of incurables is of necessity considerably augmented.

The Gas formerly made from oil is now manufactured from coal, upon Downe's

patent principle, and fully answers all the expectations that had been formed of it; the Gas is remarkably pure and brilliant, and Kilby's burners have been found a valuable auxiliary in augmenting the light and at the same time diminishing the expense.

C. C. CORSELLIS, M D.
Director.

At a meeting of the Visiting Justices, held at the Asylum, on the 2nd Jan. 1833, it was ordered, that the weekly payment for each patient be continued at 7s.

Wakefield, Jan. 2nd, 1833.

CASH ACCOUNT.

DR.

	L.	S.	D.
To Balance of last Account	279	6	3½
Amount received for Butter	44	10	11
Cows and Calves.....	56	15	5
Fruit and Vegetables.....	17	16	8
Pigs	12	7	2
Flannel	2	11	0
From William Lee, Esq. for Patients chargeable to the Riding as Vagrants	128	8	6
From Do. for Inquests	116	0	0
Ditto from Townships	4735	6	10½

5393 2 10

Balance	214	2	11
Amount of Accounts due from different Townships.....	2521	11	9

£2735 14 8

CASH ACCOUNT.

CONTRA.	CR.	L.	S.	D.
By Amount paid for Wheat, Meal, &c	994	2	1	
Hops	21	4	0	
Porter	11	10	6	
Oil for Gas	68	4	5	
Cotton and Linen Yarn	116	1	0	
Seeds	26	0	6	
Wine	37	12	3	
Straw	108	16	3	
Rates and Taxes	26	13	10	
Rent of Land to Harrison's Fund	36	0	0	
Stationary and Postages	47	7	9	
Bankers' Interest	9	9	10	
Cloathing and Bedding	143	4	2½	
Salaries and Wages	1130	12	10	
Leather, Hemp, &c	55	5	8	
Earthenware Baskets, &c.....	45	2	0½	
Manure	10	2	0	
Malt	412	6	6	
Groceries	300	12	2	
Drugs	55	6	3	
Leeches	11	1	6	
Inquests and Funeral Expenses	206	8	0	
Freight and Carriage	20	11	2	
Wool	124	11	11	
Incidental	89	0	4	
Coals	226	9	0	
Cows	107	12	0	
Fodder	31	1	9	
Meat	706	10	2	
	5178	19	11	
Balance	214	2	11	
	5393	2	10	
Tradesmen's Accounts owing	433	16	10	
Balance in favour of the Institution	2301	17	10	
	2735	14	8	

PATIENTS.

In the ASYLUM on the 1st of JANUARY, 1832
Admitted since

MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
141	128	269
80	69	149
221	197	418

MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
30	36	66
35	18	53

Discharged
Dead

MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
65	54	119
156	143	299

Remaining in the Asylum on the 31st December, 1832

ADMITTED.

Cases not exceeding three months' duration, and first attack.	Cases not exceeding 12 months' duration, and first attack.	Cases not exceeding two years' duration, and first attack.	Cases of more than two years' duration.	Cases of those who have had previous attacks.
44	23	6	26	50

DISCHARGED.

Cases not having been insane three months before admission, and discharged within three months.	Cases not having been insane more than twelve months before admission, and discharged within two years.	Cases not having been insane more than two years before admission, and discharged within three years.	Cases having had previous attacks.	Cases not cured, discharged by desire of their friends, and by order of the magistrates.
11	21	3	23	8

Admitted since the Asylum opened	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Discharged	403	478	881	864	814	1678
Dead	305	193	498	708	671	1379
Remaining				156	143	299

Total Number of Patients discharged: cured, 746; relieved, 135.

Average Number of Patients during the Year, 286.

Number of Patients admitted in each Year, from 1st January, 1820, to 31st December, 1832.

1820	1821	1822	1823	1824	1825	1826	1827	1828	1829	1830	1831	1832
76	89	109	118	122	143	122	114	119	123	113	143	149

Number of Patients admitted in each Month.

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
111	109	127	107	160	141	134	133	118	115	126	120

Different Ages at which Patients have been admitted.

MALES.

From 16 to 20 years.	From 20 to 30 years	From 30 to 40 years	From 40 to 50 years	From 50 to 60 years	From 60 to 70 years	From 70 to 80 years	From 80 to 90 years
42	214	225	210	92	56	13	5

FEMALES.

From 16 to 20 years	From 20 to 30 years	From 30 to 40 years	From 40 to 50 years	From 50 to 60 years	From 60 to 70 years	From 70 to 80 years	From 80 to 90 years
38	193	231	204	87	45	7	2

Statement of Patients Re-admitted.

Patients readmitted who had not been discharged three months	Patients readmitted who had been discharged between three and six months	Patients readmitted who had been discharged between six and nine months	Patients readmitted who had been discharged between nine and twelve months	Patients readmitted who had been discharged between one and two years	Patients readmitted who had been discharged between two and three years	Patients readmitted who had been discharged between three and ten years	Total
16	9	8	MALES. 10	23	8	30	104
8	11	8	FEMALES. 6	14	15	17	79

Statement of the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths, of all the Patients in the Asylum, since its Opening on the 23rd November, 1818.

Patients admitted within three months after the first attack....	508	Patients discharged cured, who had not been insane more than three months before admission.....	Dead 102	310
Patients admitted within twelve months after the first attack....	297			
Patients admitted who had been insane from one to thirty years	432	Patients discharged cured who had not been insane more than twelve months before admission.....	Dead 115	149
Patients admitted who have had previous attacks, and have been confined before in this Asylum	183			
Patients admitted who are stated to have had previous attacks, but who have not been confined here,	258	Patients discharged cured, who had been insane from one to many years before admissions.....	Dead 201	45
	1678	Patients discharged cured, who have had previous attacks	Dead 80	242
		Patients not cured, discharged by desire of their friends, and others by order of the Magistrates		135
				498 881

