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OF THE

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OF THE

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS.

AGREEABLY to the requirement of 16 and 17 Vic. cap. 97, sec. 62, the Visiting Justices of Cheshire County Lunatic Asylum beg to submit the following Report of the condition and management of this Institution during the present year.

At the date of the last Report the alterations in the main building, and the various additions thereto, were about being commenced, and the Committee have to report that since that time the works have been proceeded with as rapidly as possible. Considerable progress has been made with the internal alterations, several of the wards being now complete and occupied by the patients; the Superintendent's house has been erected, and in the course of two or three months will be ready for occupation; the Chapel is also in a state of forwardness, and they fully expect that the whole of the works now in operation will be finished early in the ensuing year.

The Committee regret to have to state that on proceeding with the alterations, the dry rot was discovered to have entered the flooring of several of the wards, and the additional expense incurred thereby will be considerable. Steps were immediately taken to stop its progress, and they hope the funds placed at their disposal by the Quarter Sessions will be sufficient to cover the entire expenditure.

The want of additional land principally for the purpose of more fully employing the patients having long been felt, the Committee made

application to Sir Philip de Malpas Grey Egerton for a portion of his land adjoining that of the Asylum, and succeeded in obtaining about six acres on the north side, and which they have taken at an annual rental of £8 per acre. The several workshops erected during last year have also afforded increased facilities for employing the patients, so that the whole of the male and female clothing is now made up by them, articles of furniture manufactured for the use of the establishment, and some of the ordinary repairs done to the building. This employment of the patients has been attended with the most beneficial results to the parties so occupied, as well as of considerable advantage in a pecuniary point of view.

The Asylum having in the early part of the year become rather full, and the Committee finding that there were in the House upwards of forty patients of a harmless chronic character, directed inquiries to be made as to whether accommodation could not be afforded for this class of patients in the workhouses of the various Unions, and where such existed permission was given to remove them. Several Unions availed themselves of the privilege, and about thirty patients were discharged, who would no doubt receive all necessary care at a much less cost, while additional room was thus made for more urgent cases. Notwithstanding this reduction, however, the numbers have kept steadily increasing, and there are at present in the House 121 males, 142 females—total 263, being 7 more than at the corresponding period in last year.

In March last, application was made to the Committee by the Chester Town Council to enter into an agreement with them to receive the city Pauper Lunatics at such a rate and on such terms as the Committee might approve of, and which would receive the sanction of the Commissioners in Lunacy. For some years past the city patients *have* been admitted into this Asylum, but only on the condition that they should be immediately removed whenever it was deemed advisable. This arrangement was objected to by the Commissioners in Lunacy on account of no notice being necessary prior to their removal; and the Committee finding that on the present alterations being completed there would, in all probability, be ample accommodation for some years to come, complied with the request

made to them, and agreed to receive the City Patients at the remunerative rate of 14s. per head per week, such agreement to be terminable with six months' notice.

In April last the Committee were compelled to raise the rate of maintenance to the Unions from 8s. 2d. to 9s. 11d. per head per week; but as the increase in the expenditure which made this necessary arose partly from the state of transition in which the Asylum then was, and therefore only temporary, they have succeeded, notwithstanding the high price of provisions, in effecting a reduction in the cost, and for the quarter commencing the 25th December, the charge will be 9s. 4d. per head per week; any further reduction must in a great measure depend on the future cost of provisions and necessaries.

The Committee notice that by the death of the late Dr. Ll. Jones, formerly Superintendent of this Asylum, a pension of £200 per annum, granted by them in 1854, will revert to the county.

On the 26th October last, the Asylum was visited by two of the Commissioners in Lunacy, and the following is a copy of the Report entered by them in the Minute Book :—

*“ Chester County Asylum,
26th Oct., 1855.*

“ We have to-day and on the 19th inst. visited and inspected this Asylum. There are at the present time 257 Patients in the House, viz. 114 men and 143 women. We found them free from excitement, clean in person, well dressed, and generally in good bodily health and usefully occupied.

“ The rooms occupied by the Patients were clean and free from offensive smell.

“ The various recommendations made by the Commissioners in their recent entries have been satisfactorily carried out.

“ An adjoining field has been rented and brought into cultivation by the Patients; and we are glad to learn that an additional piece

of land is about to be taken for the purpose of affording means of more extended occupation.

“ Various alterations in the building are in progress, calculated to improve and extend the accommodation for patients. A new chapel and house for the Superintendent are in the course of erection. It appears to us highly important that the alterations begun in the main building should be proceeded with as rapidly as possible, and that every effort should be made to bring the work to a speedy conclusion.

“ Since the visit of the Commissioners on the 21st Feb., 1854, 191 Patients have been admitted, viz. 108 men and 83 women. Within the same period 131 have been discharged, and 50 have died.

“ The Patients have the benefit of extended exercise ; restraint is never employed, and seclusion is rarely resorted to.

“ As the changes now in progress will have the effect of providing additional accommodation, we think it desirable that a sufficient number of bedsteads and other furniture should be ordered, so as to be prepared for an anticipated increase of numbers.

“ In the course of our visit, we observed indications of attention and assiduity on the part of the officers, and of an improved condition of the Patients, who will doubtless be still further improved whenever the alterations in the building are completed.

“ J. W. MYLNE, } COMMISSIONERS IN
“ S. GASKELL, } LUNACY.”

In conclusion, the Visiting Justices are glad to be able to bear testimony to the regularity and order which has characterised the establishment during the year, to the skill and humanity of the Medical Officers in their treatment of the Insane, to the improved condition of the Patients, and to the zeal and attention manifested by the Officers and Attendants in the discharge of their various duties.

(Signed) R. M. FEILDEN, CHAIRMAN.

DECEMBER 18, 1855.

REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT
FOR THE YEAR 1855.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to lay before you the following Report of the general condition of the patients during the past year.

On January 1st, 1855, there were in the Asylum 254 patients (108 males and 146 females); 125 were admitted in the course of the year—52 were discharged as recovered, 29 as relieved, 5 as unimproved, 1 escaped, and 31 died, leaving in the Asylum on 1st January, 1856, 261 inmates, of whom 119 were males, and 142 females.

ADMISSIONS.—The number of males admitted exceeded by nearly one-third that of the females. In twenty cases the disease was complicated with epilepsy, and in nine with general paralysis; the proportion of epileptic patients was unusually large. Although at times the Asylum was inconveniently crowded, owing to some of the wards requiring to be vacated by the patients, so that the building alterations might be proceeded with, yet no cases have been refused admission throughout the year.

RECOVERIES.—It is lamentable to find that in such a large proportion of the cases admitted medical skill is of no avail. This arises either from the disease being complicated with epilepsy or general paralysis, or else from the patient being so far advanced in the chronic stage that recovery is almost impossible, although not altogether hopeless, for several of this class have, during the past year, left the Asylum quite well, and able to resume their usual employment. It too often happens that to save expense, or else from misplaced charitable motives, the patient is detained at home by his friends, with a hope that improvement may take place; and when it is too late for medical treatment to be of any service, he is removed to the Asylum, where he is likely to remain for life, a burden to his friends, or to the township to which he belongs; whereas, had he been sent as soon as the malady had manifested itself, there would have been every probability of his speedy recovery, and of his being able once more to support himself and family by his own labour. In table 13 it will be seen that out of the 52 cases discharged cured, 32 left the Asylum within six months from the time of their admission. The per centage of recoveries was somewhat greater than during the year 1854.

DEATHS.—The proportion of Deaths was rather less than during the preceding year;—the number was 31, of which 8 were caused by general paralysis, and 6 by pulmonary consumption. Three inquests were held, in two instances where the death was caused by epilepsy, and in one where a fatal termination was accelerated by an accidental scald, the patient being at the time in the last stage of dementia. I do not like quoting individual cases in a report of this kind, but I cannot forbear to notice that of C. L., a male who was admitted on July 5th, 1855, and died on December 23rd, during the whole of which period he was kept alive by food administered to him daily by means of the stomach pump.

GENERAL HEALTH.—There has been an entire absence of epidemic disease during the year. Since the alteration in the dietary in 1854, dysentery has almost entirely disappeared from the Asylum, and diarrhoea is now comparatively rare.

SUICIDAL CASES.—Although more than one-third of the cases admitted were certified as having the propensity to commit suicide, of whom 30 had made actual attempts, yet no death from this cause has happened during the past year.

CAUSES.—Intemperance, as usual, appears to have been one of the most fertile causes of the disease, and this was more especially the case amongst the class of skilled artizans who received high wages. As shewn in table 10, in fourteen instances the attack of insanity was directly attributable to it; and undoubtedly in a large number of the other cases, habits of intemperance acted as a predisposing cause. It unfortunately happens that the offspring of such parents are extremely liable to insanity.

EMPLOYMENT.—The possession of the new field on the north side of the Asylum grounds has been the means of affording healthy out-door employment to an additional number of Patients. An abundance of both in and out-door work has been done by the Patients in the various extensive building alterations, commenced in the early part of the year, and which are still being carried on,—they have rendered the principal part of the labour required in shifting materials of all kinds, taking down walls, cleaning and stacking ready for the bricklayers upwards of 200,000 bricks, making excavations for foundation walls, drains, &c. The whole of the male and female clothing and bedding has been made and kept in repair by the Patients. The Tinsmiths', Blacksmiths', and Joiners' work has also kept many employed.

AMUSEMENTS.—In the summer months bowls, skittles, quoits, bat and ball, &c., are enjoyed by the males; and on fine days parties of both sexes, accompanied by attendants, have frequently taken long walks beyond the Asylum boundaries. Reading, and various in-door games have been encouraged as much as possible. The weekly ball has been kept up regularly throughout the year; and while serving to relieve much of the monotony of residence within the walls of an Asylum, it has also tended in many instances to produce a great amount of self-controul. By a large number the weekly gathering is invariably looked forward to with much pleasure;

and their quiet and orderly demeanour during the time they are congregated together has been testified by numerous visitors.

RESTRAINTS AND SECLUSION.—The treatment of the Patients on the non-restraint system has been persevered in with the best possible effects; and since this plan has been adopted, even temporary seclusion has been rarely resorted to.

BUILDING ALTERATIONS.—It is scarcely to be expected that whilst so many building alterations were being proceeded with, that there should not have been some amount of temporary ~~inconvenience~~ ^{fusion} throughout the Institution, more especially as nearly every department has undergone, or is undergoing, some change in the general arrangements. Those who may recollect the gloomy, ill-lighted, badly-ventilated, and cold corridors, with their dark tiled floors, will scarcely recognize the same wards under their new aspect, since the windows have been opened to their full size, the substitution of wood flooring for the tiles, and the introduction of open fire places.

EXISTING ACCOMMODATION FOR PATIENTS.—At the close of the year there were 261 Patients in the building, being 7 more than at the corresponding period of 1854. The number of the Insane poor in Cheshire appears to be annually on the increase, subject to slight fluctuations from year to year. The following table will show this.

ADMISSIONS.		
1849		71
1850		77
1851		96
1852		104
1853		106
1854		102
1855		125

When the whole of the building alterations are completed, the Asylum will afford ample accommodation for 300 Patients; but if a similar number are admitted during 1856, as in 1855—and the probability is, that the number of applications will be at least as

great—even when finished, the present building will not accommodate more than those admitted in the course of the ensuing year, as the general experience of the Asylums throughout England shews that at least half of the Patients remain as chronic cases. It is true that Patients may be from time to time removed to the Workhouses; but with some few exceptions, these latter institutions are not, as at present constituted, fitting places for the Insane. In several instances where Patients, after having been quiet and harmless for many months, or even years, in the Asylum, have been removed to the Workhouse, they have, in the course of a short time, been sent back to the Asylum as “dangerous” either to themselves or to others, or to both.

The past year has been a somewhat anxious period to both Officers and Attendants, as it has been only by the exercise of great attention and vigilance that no accidents or untoward occurrences during the course of the building alterations have occurred to any of the Patients.

For the kind and generous support I have at all times received from the Committee, as well as for the general confidence that has been reposed in me, I beg to offer my warmest thanks.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient humble Servant,

T. N. BRUSHFIELD,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

*To the Committee of the Visiting Justices
of the Chester County Lunatic Asylum.*

STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE I.

ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS, DURING THE YEAR 1855.

	M.	F.	TOTAL	M.	F.	TOTAL
Remaining in the Asylum, Jan. 1st, 1855	108	146	254			
Admitted during the year 1855...	73	52	125	181	198	379
Discharged recovered	22	30	52			
Ditto relieved	18	11	29			
Ditto unimproved	4	1	5			
Escaped	1	—	1			
Died	17	14	31	62	56	118
Remaining in the Asylum, Jan. 1st, 1856.....				119	142	261

Per centage of recoveries on numbers under treatment ... 13·77

Ditto ditto on admissions during the year ... 41·6

Ditto deaths on the numbers under treatment ... 8·19

Average daily number resident during the year ... 256

Greatest number resident at one time ... 265

Least ditto ditto ditto ... 244

TABLE II.

ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS, RELATIVE TO THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR 1855.

	ADMISSIONS.			DISCHARGES. Cured and relieved.			DEATHS.		
	M.	F.	Qrtrs. of the year.	M.	F.	Qrtrs. of the year.	M.	F.	Qrtrs. of the year.
January	10	5		2	4		2	0	
February	9	1		2	5		2	3	
March	2	9	36	8	7	28	1	0	8
April	4	2		10	3		0	0	
May	8	7		1	6		1	2	
June	8	3	32	3	3	26	2	1	6
July	7	4		2	2		3	1	
August	4	4		2	4		2	1	
September	3	4	26	3	1	14	1	1	9
October	5	4		1	1		1	0	
November	8	3		1	4		0	1	
December	5	6	31	5	1	13	2	4	8
	73	52	125	40	41	81	17	14	31

TABLE III.

CIVIL STATE.—ADMISSIONS.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Single	32	27	59
Married	36	20	56
Widowed	5	5	10
	73	52	125

TABLE IV.

AGES AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Between 5 and 10 years	—	—	—
" 10 20 " 	7	4	11
" 20 30 " 	14	12	26
" 30 40 " 	26	15	41
" 40 50 " 	14	10	24
" 50 60 " 	8	11	19
" 60 70 " 	3	—	3
Above 70	1	—	1
	73	52	125

TABLE V.
DURATION OF INSANITY PRIOR TO ADMISSION.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Less than 2 weeks	17	6	23
Between 2 „ and 1 month	4	10	14
„ 1 month „ 3 months	24	10	34
„ 3 months „ 6 „	8	4	12
„ 6 „ „ 12 „	2	4	6
„ 1 year „ 2 years	3	3	6
„ 2 years „ 5 „	3	3	6
„ 5 „ „ 10 „	—	4	4
„ 10 „ „ 20 „	1	2	3
More than 20	1	—	1
From birth	4	2	6
Unknown	6	4	10
	73	52	125

TABLE VI.
OCCUPATIONS OF THOSE ADMITTED.

MALES.			
Baker	1	Sailmaker	1
Barber	1	Sailors	2
Blacksmiths	3	Shipwright	1
Book-keeper	1	Shoemakers	2
Brushmaker	1	Shop-keeper	1
Coachmaker	1	Stoker	1
Factory Hands	8	Stonemasons	2
Farm Bailiff	1	Surgeon	1
Farmer	1	Tailor	1
Gardener	1	Tin-plate Worker	1
Grocer	1	Veterinary Surgeon	1
Hawker	1	Waiter	1
Iron-moulder	1	Waterman	1
Joiners	3	Wheelwright	1
Labourers	23	No occupation	4
Pensioners	2		
Restaurateur	1	Total.....	73
Saddler	1		
FEMALES.			
Charwoman	1	Schoolmistress	1
Factory Hands	7	Servants	15
Hawker	1	Washerwomen	3
Household duties	17	No occupation	4
Innkeeper	1		
Lodging-house Keeper	1	Total.....	52
Milliner	1		

TABLE VII.

RELIGIOUS PERSUASION.—ADMISSIONS.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Church of England	43	31	74
Protestant Dissent	14	16	30
Roman Catholic	6	3	9
Mormonite	1	—	1
None, or unknown	9	2	11
	73	52	125

TABLE VIII.

BODILY CONDITION.—ADMISSIONS.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Good	18	8	26
Moderate	29	15	44
Weekly	21	21	42
Bad	5	8	13
	73	52	125

TABLE IX.

FORM OF MENTAL DISORDER.—ADMISSIONS.

	TOTAL.		COMPLICATIONS.					
	M.	F.	With Epilepsy.		With General Paralysis.		With Suicidal Propensity.	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Mania	46	27	8	7	5	3	12	9
Melancholia.....	21	22	0	1	0	0	9	11
Dementia.....	4	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
Amentia } Idiocy	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
	73	52	10	10	6	3	22	21

TABLE X.

SUPPOSED CAUSE.—ADMISSIONS.

MORAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Anxiety	2	1	3			
Ditto and over study	1	0	1			
Disappointed affections	1	0	1			
Fear of being sent to the Crimea	1	0	1			
Grief	3	5	8			
Jealousy	3	0	3			
Loss of employment.....	3	0	3			
Pecuniary difficulties	2	1	3			
Poverty and domestic troubles...	2	1	3			
Religious excitement	4	1	5			
Sudden fright	0	1	1			
				22	10	32
PHYSICAL.						
Childbirth	0	5	5			
Debility after abscesses	0	1	1			
Epilepsy	5	6	11			
Feeble diseases	0	1	1			
Hereditary influences	8	2	10			
Injury of head	4	0	4			
Intemperance ..	12	2	14			
Organic diseases of brain... ..	0	1	1			
Uterine derangement	0	5	5			
				29	23	52
Congenital cases	...	...	...	3	2	5
Unknown	...	...	...	19	17	36
				73	52	125
Hereditary taint known to exist.	...	...	...	13	8	21

TABLE XI.

ANALYSIS OF SUICIDAL CASES.—ADMISSIONS.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Attempted to commit suicide.....	15	15	30
Threatened ditto	6	4	10
Unknown	1	2	3
	22	21	43

TABLE XII.
SUICIDAL ATTEMPTS.—ADMISSIONS.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
By Drowning	—	2	2
Hanging	3	2	5
Strangulation	—	2	2
Cutting throat	3	—	3
Poison	3	2	5
Burning	1	1	2
Precipitation from window	1	4	5
" " bridge	—	1	1
" down a coal pit	1	—	1
Stabbing	1	—	1
Form of attempt unknown	2	1	3
	15	15	30

TABLE XIII.
DURATION OF RESIDENCE OF THOSE DISCHARGED CURED.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Under 3 months	11	7	18
Between 3 months and 6 months	3	11	14
" 6 " 1 year	8	7	15
" 1 year 3 years	—	4	4
" 3 years 6 " 	—	1	1
	22	30	52

TABLE XIV.
CAUSES OF DEATH.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Cancer of stomach, &c.	1	—	1
Chronic bronchitis	1	1	2
" emphysema of lungs.....	1	—	1
Disease of brain	—	1	1
Epilepsy	3	—	3
Exhaustion after acute melancholia	1	1	2
Fehrile disease	—	1	1
General debility	1	1	2
" paralysis	3	4	7
" " (with ulceration of intestines)	1	—	1
Pericarditis	1	—	1
Pneumonia	—	1	1
Pulmonary consumption.....	3	3	6
Scrofulous disease of mesentery.....	1	—	1
Scald (accidental—patient in advanced stage of dementia)	—	1	1
	17	14	31

TABLE XV.

AGES OF PATIENTS WHO HAVE DIED.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Under 15 years	1	—	1
Between 15 „ and 20 years	2	1	3
„ 20 „ 30 „	1	2	3
„ 30 „ 40 „	7	4	11
„ 40 „ 50 „	2	1	3
„ 50 „ 60 „	1	2	3
„ 60 „ 70 „	2	4	6
Above 70	1	—	1
	17	14	31

TABLE XVI.

DURATION OF TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WHO HAVE DIED.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Under 2 weeks	1	1	2
Between 2 „ and 1 month	—	—	—
„ 1 month „ 3 months	5	—	5
„ 3 „ „ 6 „	1	3	4
„ 6 „ „ 1 year	5	1	6
„ 1 year „ 2 years	—	1	1
„ 2 years „ 5 „	2	6	8
„ 5 „ „ 10 „	—	1	1
„ 10 „ „ 20 „	2	1	3
Above 20	1	—	1
	17	14	31

TABLE XVII.

LIST OF ARTICLES OF CLOTHING, BEDDING, &C., MADE AND REPAIRED DURING THE YEAR 1855.

ARTICLES.	MADE.	REPAIRED.
IN TAILORS' SHOP—		
Braces (pairs)	5	—
Caps	78	—
Flannel drawers	16	—
Jackets	109	75
Mat.....	1	—
Matrasses	1	1
Shirts	4	—

TABLE XVII. CONTINUED.

ARTICLES.	MADE.	REPAIRED.
IN TAILORS' SHOP.—		
Strong dresses	4	20
Suits (vest and trowsers combined)	6	35
Trowsers	147	499
Vests	125	118
IN SHOEMAKERS' SHOP.—		
Boots, men's pairs	129	231
„ women's „	10	64
„ „ „ (cloth)	16	7
Shoes, men's „	9	20
„ women's „	69	118
Slippers, men's „	51	—
„ women's „	14	7
IN FEMALE WARDS.—		
Aprons	208	44
Bags	33	—
Bedticks	249	38
Blankets (over-cast)	18	29
Bolster ticks	68	—
Bonnets trimmed	58	—
Carpets (bedside)	30	5
Cloth cloaks	14	—
Counterpanes (over-cast)	32	12
Day caps	105	60
Dusters	43	—
Flannel drawers	22	—
„ petticoats	76	26
„ vests	49	41
Iron holders	210	—
Jackets	370	37
Linsey petticoats	79	39
Mattress ticks	12	21
Neckerchiefs	372	—
Night caps	96	14
Napkins	26	—
Pillow cases	188	—
„ ticks	55	—
Pocket handkerchiefs	62	—
Rugs, bound	24	—
Sheets	12	84
Shifts	335	244
Shirts	155	327
Stays	60	—
Strong dresses	6	—
Stockings, pairs, knitted	99	549
„ „ footed	47	—

TABLE XVII. CONTINUED.

ARTICLES.	MADE.	REPAIRED.
IN FEMALE WARDS.—		
Tea cloths	32	—
Toilet covers.....	47	—
Towels	112	—
Window blinds	8	—
„ cloths	38	—
„ drapery	32	—

The above table does not include an immense number of trifling repairs.

TABLE XVIII.

EXTRACT FROM DAILY ACCOUNT OF PATIENTS.

MALES EMPLOYED.	Monday, Dec. 10, 1855.		Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1855.		Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1855.	
	Morn.	After.	Morn.	After.	Morn.	After.
Working in land and gardens...	10	10	10	10	10	10
Assisting joiner.....	3	3	3	3	3	3
„ engineer.....	3	3	3	3	3	3
„ plumber and painter...	1	1	1	1	1	1
„ shoemaker	—	—	6	6	6	6
„ tailor	5	5	5	5	5	5
„ in kitchen	4	4	4	4	4	4
„ carrying coals & cinders	10	10	10	10	10	10
„ cleaning wards	8	6	11	11	12	8
Working at pump.....	25	26	23	23	20	22
Assisting bricklayer	40	40	37	37	21	21
„ mason.....	—	—	—	—	8	8
Total employed	109	108	113	113	103	101
UNEMPLOYED.						
Excitement with seclusion	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ without	1	—	—	—	—	—
Sick	1	1	1	1	1	1
Quiet	11	12	7	6	17	19
Total unemployed	13	13	8	7	18	20
Admissions	—	—	—	—	—	—
Discharges and deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total.....	121	121	121	121	121	121
At prayers	59	72	56	—	60	—

TABLE XVIII. CONTINUED.

EXTRACT FROM DAILY ACCOUNT OF PATIENTS.

	Monday, Dec. 10, 1855.		Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1855.		Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1855.	
FEMALES EMPLOYED.	Morn.	After.	Morn.	After.	Morn.	After.
Cleaning ward	15	9	20	10	12	9
Assisting in kitchen	8	8	8	8	8	8
„ in laundry	19	19	19	19	19	19
Making men's clothing	—	—	—	—	—	—
Binding boots and shoes	—	—	—	—	—	—
Making hats and bonnets	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mending stockings	2	4	6	10	9	7
Knitting and netting	6	6	11	—	6	10
Sewing and quilting	42	46	29	43	39	32
Picking flocks	9	9	8	8	8	8
Total employed	101	101	101	98	101	93
UNEMPLOYED.						
Excitement with seclusion	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ without	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sick	5	5	5	5	4	4
Quiet	36	36	36	39	36	44
Total unemployed	41	41	41	44	40	48
Admissions	—	—	—	—	—	—
Discharges and deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	142	142	142	142	141	141
At prayers	52	61	53	—	61	—

ACCOUNT CURRENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1855.

DR.		CR.	
1855. Jan. 1. Dec. 31.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	1855. Dec. 31.
To Balance of Cash	77 1 7	By Cash paid Salaries and Wages	1187 3 6
" Cash received for half a year's interest on £210 16s. 1d.		" Ditto Provisions	2581 12 5
Consols	2 19 0	" Ditto Necessaries, Fuel, and Lighting	342 5 3
" Ditto Legacy left by the late Mr. Adams of Middlewich	50 0 0	" Ditto Surgery and Dispensary	64 0 5
" Ditto for old materials sold...	20 7 11	" Ditto Funeral Expenses ...	21 16 0
	73 6 11	" Ditto Clothing	268 4 10
" Ditto from Unions & Parishes	4013 5 10	" Ditto Furniture and Bedding	134 18 1
" Ditto " ditto ditto in other counties	102 7 9	" Ditto Garden and Farm Expenses ...	61 8 11
" Ditto from City of Chester		" Ditto Building and Repairs...	70 15 0
Guardians	327 8 8	" Ditto Miscellaneous	155 16 9
" Ditto from County Treasurer	297 14 6		4888 1 2
" Ditto " Private Property of Criminal & other Patients	87 13 10	Balance Cash in hand	90 17 11
	4828 10 7		
	£4978 19 1		£4978 19 1

18th March, 1856.

Examined and found correct,
(Signed) WILLIAM ATKINSON,
THOS. DIXON.

CHESHIRE COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1855.

	DR.			CR.		
1855. Dec. 31.		£	s. D.		£	s. D.
	To Balance of Cash this day as per account current ...		90 17 11			
	" Amount due for maintenance from Unions & Parishes	1360	10 10		1246	0 10
	" Ditto from ditto in other Counties...	29	15 5		513	15 7
	" Ditto from County Treasurer	104	1 1			
	" Ditto from City of Chester Guardians	140	18 0			
	" Ditto from Criminal Patients, &c.	30	14 2			
	" Sundries	2	19 0			
		1668 18 6				
		£1759 16 5			£1759 16 5	
	By amount due to sundry Tradesmen on account of maintenance of Patients ...					
	" Balance in favour of the Asylum ...					

18th March, 1856.
Examined and found correct,
(Signed) WILLIAM ATKINSON,
THOMAS DIXON.

18th March, 1856.

Examined and found correct,

(Signed)

WILLIAM ATKINSON,
THOMAS DIXON.

EXPENDITURE.

SALARIES AND WAGES.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
OFFICERS.						
Superintendent—£200 per annum.....	200					
Chaplain 90 „	90					
House Surgeon 100 „	88	10				
Clerk to visitors and clerk of Asylum £70 per annum	70					
Treasurer £30	30					
Matron 60	60					
Steward 75	75					
	613	10				
MEN SERVANTS.						
Head Attendant £40 per annum.....	40					
Eight attendants 25 „	202	16	8			
One attendant 30 „	7	10	0			
One tailor do. 30 „	30	6	2			
One shoemaker do. 25 „	22	3	6			
One joiner do. 30 „	28	3	1			
One plumber do.....	2	7	0			
One Gardener do. 12s per week	31	4	0			
One Engineer do.	42	2	0			
	406	12	5			
FEMALE SERVANTS.						
Head attendant at £16 per annum	16	0	0			
Ten attendants 12 „	109	8	4			
One Laundress 16 „	15	9	4			
One Cook 16 „	16	5	3			
One Housemaid 10 „	9	18	2			
	167	1	1	1187	3	6
PROVISIONS.						
Ale and porter, 576 gallons at 1s. 8¼d....	48	11	0			
Beer, 9,504 gallons at 10d.	396	0	0			
Bread, 79,230 lbs. at 2d.	857	4	11			
do. 27,017 lbs. at 1¾d.....						
Flour, 38½ sacks at	98	2	0			
Oatmeal	8	19	0			
Butter, 4662¼ lbs. at 11d. 13-16.....	230	6	4			
Cheese, 5593 lbs. at 6d. 13-16	159	4	0			
Bacon, 112½ lbs. at 7½d.	3	10	6			
do. from farm, 312 lbs. at 5¼d.	38	10	3			
do. do. 1438 lbs. at 5¾d.....						
Meat, 20,456 lbs. at 5¼d.....	888	13	11			
do. 19,701 lbs. at 5¾d						
Milk, 3,917 gallons at 7½d.	122	8	0			
Buttermilk	0	9	8			
Potatoes, 515 measures at 3s. 10d.....	99	1	3			
do. from farm, 423 measures at 3s. 6d.	74	1	0			

PROVISIONS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cocoa, 39 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs. at 41s.	81	16	5			
Coffee, 296 lbs. at 13½d.	29	13	0			
do. 240 lbs at 13d.						
Chicory,	2	8	4			
Rice, 18 cwt. at 21s.	31	11	6			
do. 13 cwt. at 19s. 6d.						
Sago, &c.	2	16	10			
Sugar, moist, 25 cwt. 5 qrs. at 36s. 6d. }	112	17	7			
do. 24 cwt. 2 qrs. at 38s. 6d. }						
do. lump, 250 lbs. at 6½d.	6	14	7			
Spices, salt, &c.	23	16	11			
Tea, 517½ lbs. at 3s. 2d.	81	12	8			
Raisins and currants	6	6	1			
Peas	22	9	0			
Fish	1	19	5			
Eggs ...	0	11	0			
Vegetables from farm	84	16	0			
	3514	11	2			
Less amount of farming expenses	91	4	3	3423	6	11
NECESSARIES.						
Coals, 507 tons 17 cwt. 2 qrs. at 9s. 9¾d.	248	13	8			
Coke	28	3	8			
Gas	77	11	8			
Candles and oil, &c.	26	0	11			
Soap	74	10	9			
Soda, Starch, &c.	25	18	7			
				480	19	3
SURGERY AND DISPENSARY.						
Drugs	21	8	11			
Wine and Spirits	61	3	6			
				82	12	5
FUNERAL EXPENSES						
				29	8	0
CLOTHING.						
Materials for men's apparel	71	15	7			
do. women's dresses	62	6	9			
Shoes, &c.	93	12	0			
Shirts	2	8	9			
Calico	48	5	8			
Bonnets and caps	6	12	11			
Cloaks and shawls	18	12	10			
Handkerchiefs	3	13	7			
Tapes, needles, pins, &c.	17	5	11			
Worsted, &c., for stockings	23	19	0			
Linen	10	13	7			
Flannel	24	11	8			
				383	18	3
FURNITURE AND BEDDING.						
Blankets	21	19	0			
Sheets	19	18	7			
Matrasses	44	18	3			
Straw for do.	30	19	7			
House linen	4	14	10			

FURNITURE AND BEDDING.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brushes, &c.	40	9	0			
Cabinet maker, &c.	9	8	2			
Carpets and mats	32	17	3			
Earthenware	16	16	6			
Cooper	7	9	6			
Ironmongery and cutlery	6	8	3			
Upholsterer	14	16	9			
GARDEN AND FARM EXPENSES.				250	15	8
Pigs	5	4	6			
Flour for do.	1	5	0			
Oats and barley	5	13	5			
Manure	42	6	1			
Seeds	36	2	1			
Flower pots, &c.	0	13	2			
BUILDING AND REPAIRS.				91	4	3
Timber	10	4	5			
Oil and paint.....	4	17	11			
Smith and ironfounder.....	90	3	6			
MISCELLANEOUS.				105	5	10
Stationery, printing, and postage	53	9	0			
Library books	23	3	11			
Snuff and tobacco.....	38	4	2			
Bank interest and commission	36	6	7			
Recapture of patients	5	17	6			
Travelling expenses	2	4	4			
Rent of drain.....	1	1	0			
Rates and taxes.....	8	7	6			
Insurance	22	3	0			
Carriage.....	5	5	11			
Advertising	4	3	6			
Amusements for patients, &c.....	4	0	0			
Sundries.....	1	4	6			
				205	10	11
Balance in favour of the Asylum				6240	5	0
				513	15	7
				£6754	0	7

AVERAGE COST PER HEAD PER WEEK OF 256 PATIENTS.

	s.	d.
Salaries and wages	1	9 403
Provisions	5	3 363
Necessaries	0	8 701
Surgery and dispensary	0	1 500
Funeral expenses	0	0 530
Clothing	0	6 921
Furniture	0	4 521
Building and Repairs	0	1 861
Miscellaneous	0	3 700
	9	4 500

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