

**The report of the committee of visitors & superintendent of the Cheshire Lunatic Asylum : made to the court of general quarter sessions of the peace, holden at Nether Knutsford, in and for the county of Chester, on Monday, the 6th day of April, 1857.**

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THE  
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OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF VISITORS & SUPERINTENDENT  
OF THE  
CHESHIRE LUNATIC ASYLUM,  
MADE TO THE  
COURT OF GENERAL QUARTER SESSIONS OF THE PEACE,  
HOLDEN AT NETHER KNUTSFORD,  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CHESTER,  
ON MONDAY, THE 6th DAY OF APRIL, 1857.



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# COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM.

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# THE REPORT

## OF THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS

### OF THE CHESHIRE COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM.

*To Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Chester,  
in General Quarter Sessions assembled.*

In submitting a Report of the proceedings of the past year in connection with this Establishment, your Committee have much pleasure in stating that the various alterations and additions which have occupied a period of nearly four years, have at length been brought to a close, and it is gratifying to them to observe now that the arrangements are quite complete, that they consider the Building has been made equal to most of the more modern Institutions, and appears well adapted for the care of the Insane, according to the recent and improved methods of treatment.

The following are the principal additions and alterations which have been completed since the date of the last Report :

- 1.—A Chapel, capable of accommodating 300 persons.
- 2.—A commodious House for the Superintendent.
- 3.—Carpenters and Shoemakers Shops and Coal Stores.
- 4.—The enlargement of the Wash-houses and Laundry, with the addition of a Dining Room thereto.
- 5.—A Steward's Office, and spacious Store Rooms.
- 6.—Reboarding of 4 Wards in the new wings, occasioned by dry rot.
- 7.—Reboarding of old Chapel, and conversion of the same into a Recreation Hall.
- 8.—New Bath-rooms and Lavatories in four Wards.

The application to the Sessions, made in June last, for the sum of £6000, being based upon an estimate which the circumstances of the case did not allow of being calculated very accurately, they found, as the work proceeded, that the amount required had been under-stated, and they have now to ask for a final grant of £2000.

The Furniture placed at the disposal of the Committee by the Quarter Sessions, has been appropriated for the furnishing of the Superintendent's House, and with a very small additional expenditure was sufficient for the purpose.

On the Superintendent entering upon his new House, it was necessary to make an addition to his stipend, in lieu of the board which had been allowed while he was resident in the Asylum, and they have now fixed his salary at £350 per annum, with fuel and gas.



Mr. Rossiter, the Assistant Medical Officer, having, in October last, sent in his Resignation, your Committee appointed Mr. Walker to the Office, at a salary of £100 per annum, with board, lodging, &c.

The past year has proved no exception to the periodical increase, which appears to be taking place in the permanent addition to the number of patients in the Asylum.

At the close of the past year the number of patients in the House was 261; at the present time there are 286, and it is calculated to hold upwards of 300.

The number admitted has been 70 Males and 54 Females. Total, 124.

During the same period there have died.. 32

Discharged as Cured..... 47

Ditto Reli<sup>e</sup>ved ..... 17

Ditto Not Improved ..... 3

Total ..... 99

A more settled state of things in the Asylum, together with the cheapening of Provisions, have enabled your Committee to reduce the Rate of Maintenance to the Unions and Parishes from 9s. 4d. to 8s. 9d. per head per week; and a still further reduction may possibly yet be made, should the Contracts for Provisions be let as favourable as they were for the past Half-year.

The Rules for the government of the Asylum having in a great measure become obsolete, in consequence of the changes which have recently taken place in its management, your Committee have prepared a new code, and they are now in the hands of the Secretary of State, awaiting his approval.

In September last, the Commissioners in Lunacy made their usual Annual Visit, and expressed their approval of the condition and management of the Asylum.

CHAS. POTTS,

CHAIRMAN.

31st December, 1856.

THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT,  
FOR THE YEAR 1856.

I have the honour to submit to you the Third Annual Medical Report of the condition of the inmates of this Asylum during the past year, to which I have appended the usual statistical tables of provisions, have enabled your Committee to reduce the Rate of Maintenance to the 1 shilling and 6 pence per week. On January 1st 1856, there were in the Asylum 251 patients. In the course of the year 124 were admitted; 88 were discharged, of which number 47 were recovered, 16 relieved, and 3 unimproved; 1 patient escaped; and 32 died. There were remaining in the Asylum on January 1st 1857, 266 of whom 156 were males, and 110 females. There was an increase of 22 in the daily average number of patients beyond that of the previous year, which average would have been greater had not some of the quiet and harmless class been removed to the Workhouse.



# R E P O R T

OF

THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT,

FOR THE YEAR 1856.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit to you the Third Annual Medical Report of the condition of the inmates of this Asylum during the past year, to which I have appended the usual statistical tables.

On January 1st, 1856, there were in the Asylum 261 patients. In the course of the year 124 were admitted; 66 were discharged, of which number 47 were recovered, 16 relieved, and 3 unimproved; 1 patient escaped; and 32 died. There were remaining in the Asylum, on January 1st, 1857, 286, of whom 128 were males, and 158 females. There was an increase of 22 in the daily average number of patients beyond that of the previous year, which average would have been greater had not some of the quiet and harmless class been removed to the Workhouses.



ADMISSIONS.—Of the 124 admissions, 36 were from the single or combined causes of demention, idiocy, imbecility, epilepsy, or general paralysis (as shown in table 9), in a hopelessly incurable state; and a large proportion of the remaining 88 were in the chronic state of insanity.

In this, as in the majority of Asylums, there is always a greater number of females than of males, and yet during the last eight years (particularly in 1855 and 1856) the number of admissions of the latter has greatly exceeded that of the former—this apparent anomaly is due to the number of recoveries and of deaths, being actually and relatively greater amongst the males.

RECOVERIES.—If any proof were wanting to attest the fact of the manifold advantages which accrue to a patient in being removed as soon as possible to an Asylum after the mental disturbance has once manifested itself, it is easily shown by the circumstance that of the 47 who during the past year were discharged as recovered, 39 were at the time of their admission reported to have been insane less than three months; and further, that 29 out of the 47 cases of recovery had been less than six months under care and treatment in the Institution.

DEATHS.—There were about the average number of deaths, of which rather more than one-third were due to general paralysis. Table 15 shows that the majority of the deaths (19 out of 32) occurred in those who were more than 40 years of age.

GENERAL HEALTH.—The general health of the patients has been uniformly good throughout the year.

EMPLOYMENT.—The male patients have been fully occupied in the various workshops, in rendering assistance during the



building alterations, and in the culture of the land. As the alterations and additions to the building are on the point of completion, a great source of employment will soon be lost to the patients, and although the laying out of the airing courts, re-making roads, &c., may afford work for the next few months, yet when these are finished the present quantity of land is by no means sufficient to keep in active employ the increasing number of inmates, and as no form of labour conduces so much to the recovery of a patient as that derived from ordinary farm and garden operations, it is highly to be desired that more land should be obtained as early as possible.

The operations of the kitchen and laundry, and the making and keeping in repair the greater part of the clothing, and all the bedding, have continued, as heretofore, to afford constant employment to the female patients.

RECREATION.—Everything has been done to further the amusements of the patients as far as possible during the various periods when they have not been engaged in ordinary employment. Much pleasure has continued to be derived from extended exercise beyond the Asylum boundaries, various in and out-door games, and from the weekly parties.

CURABLE CASES.—Of the 286 patients remaining in the Asylum on January 1st, 1857, only 41 are cases in which there is any <sup>probability</sup> ~~possibility~~ of recovery taking place.

PRESENT ACCOMMODATION FOR PATIENTS.—In last year's Report it was stated, that when the building alterations were completed, 300 patients could be accommodated. A careful survey of the wards recently made, has shown that there is ample room for 10 more than this number.



With grateful acknowledgments of the uniform kindness  
I have ever met with at your hands,

I have the honour to remain,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient humble servant,

T. N. BRUSHFIELD,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

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

TABLE I

M.	M.	TOTAL	M.	M.	TOTAL
119	142	261	188	196	384
70	34	104	47	10	57
31	16	47	16	10	26
5	11	16	3	1	4
2	1	3	1	1	2
1	0	1	32	38	70
22	10	32	128	138	266
...	...	...	...	...	...

## STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE I.

ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS, DURING THE YEAR 1856.

	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Remaining in the Asylum Jan. 1st, 1856 .....	119	142	261			
Admitted during the year 1856 .....	70	54	124			
				189	196	385
Discharged recovered.....	31	16	47			
do. relieved.....	5	11	16			
do. unimproved .....	2	1	3			
Escaped .....	1	0	1			
Died .....	22	10	32			
				61	38	99
Remaining in the Asylum Jan. 1st, 1857 .....	...	...	...	128	158	286

Per centage of recoveries in number under treatment.....	12.2
"    "    admission during the year .....	37.9
"    deaths on the numbers under treatment.....	8.3
Average daily numbers resident during the year.....	278.48
Greatest number resident at one time.....	288
Least.....	260



TABLE II.

ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS, RELATIVE TO THE MONTHS OF THE YEAR 1856.

	ADMISSIONS.			DISCHARGED. Cured & relieved.			DEATHS.		
	M.	F.	Qrtrs. of the year.	M.	F.	Qrtrs. of the year.	M.	F.	Qrtrs. of the year.
January .....	9	4		2	1		2	1	
February .....	6	5		2	0		0	0	
March .....	3	6	33	3	4	12	3	3	9
April .....	8	1		3	1		3	0	
May .....	7	5		2	5		1	1	
June .....	7	3	31	3	3	17	1	1	7
July .....	6	4		2	0		1	1	
August .....	5	6		4	1		3	1	
September ...	4	3	28	8	6	21	0	0	6
October .....	7	0		1	3		4	0	
November ....	3	10		5	1		0	1	
December .....	5	7	32	1	2	13	4	1	10
	70	54	124	36	27	63	22	10	32

TABLE III.

CIVIL STATE—ADMISSIONS.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Single .....	29	19	48
Married .....	34	28	62
Widowed .....	5	6	11
Unknown .....	2	1	3
	70	54	124

TABLE IV.

AGES AT TIME OF ADMISSION.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Between 5 and 10 years .....	0	0	0
10 20 " .....	5	6	11
20 30 " .....	16	11	27
30 40 " .....	22	16	38
40 50 " .....	9	13	22
50 60 " .....	9	2	11
60 70 " .....	5	5	10
Above 70 " .....	1	0	1
Unknown .....	3	1	4
	70	54	124



TABLE V.

DURATION OF INSANITY PREVIOUS TO ADMISSION.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Less than 2 weeks.....	13	15	28
Between 2 and 1 month .....	18	8	26
1 month and 3 months.....	8	11	19
3 and 6 .....	8	4	12
6 and 12 .....	5	6	11
12 and 2 years .....	2	2	4
2 years and 5 .. ..	1	1	2
5 and 10 .....	1	0	1
10 and 20 .....	2	0	2
More than 20.....	1	0	1
From birth .....	3	3	6
Unknown ... ..	8	4	12
	70	54	124

TABLE VI.

OCCUPATIONS OF THOSE ADMITTED.

MALES.			
Boatmen .....	3	Miller .....	1
Book-keeper .....	1	Ostler .....	1
Butchers .....	4	Pensioner .....	1
Cabinet-maker .....	1	Saddler .....	1
Cabman .....	1	Schoolmaster .....	1
Clerk .....	1	Soldier .....	1
Coach-trimmer .....	1	Shoemakers .....	2
Draper .....	1	Stonemason .....	1
Factory Hand .....	10	Tailors .....	2
Farmer .....	1	Turners .....	2
Farm Servant .....	1	Warehouseman .....	1
Fitter .....	1	Waterman .....	1
Gardner .....	1	Wheelwright .....	1
Hatter .....	1	None or unknown .....	7
Joiner .....	1		
Labourer .....	18		70
FEMALES.			
Beerhouse-keeper .....	1	Nurse .....	1
Factory Hands .....	8	Servants .....	8
Fustian-cutter .....	1	Washerwoman .....	1
Hawker .....	2	None or unknown .....	9
Household duties .....	19		
Housekeepers .....	2		54
Milliners .....	2		



TABLE VII.

## RELIGIOUS PERSUASION.—ADMISSIONS.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Church of England .....	49	28	77
Protestant Dissent .....	12	10	22
Roman Catholic .....	4	9	13
Scotch Church .....	1	0	1
Southcotarians .....	0	1	1
None or unknown .....	4	6	10
	70	54	124

TABLE VIII.

## BODILY CONDITION.—ADMISSIONS.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Good.....	26	7	33
Moderate.....	25	11	36
Healthy .....	9	24	33
Bad .....	10	12	22
	70	54	124

TABLE IX.

## FORM OF MENTAL DISORDER.—ADMISSIONS.

	TOTAL.		COMPLICATIONS.					
			With Epilepsy.		With General Paralysis.		With Suicidal Propensity.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Mania .....	46	28	7	1	5	4	10	9
Melancholia .....	13	18	0	0	0	0	5	12
Dementia .....	5	2	0	0	2	1	2	1
Amentia {	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
	2	4	1	1	0	1	0	1
	70	54	10	2	7	6	17	23



TABLE X.

## SUPPOSED CAUSE—ADMISSIONS.

MORAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Anxiety .....	2	0	2			
Desertions by husbands ... ..	0	3	3			
Dread of losing employment ..	2	0	2			
False accusation of theft.....	1	0	1			
Ill usage of husbands .....	0	4	4			
"    parents .....	0	1	1			
Imprisonment .....	1	1	2			
Jealousy.....	1	0	1			
Grief at death of relations.....	2	6	8			
Poverty and domestic troubles..	3	0	3			
Religious excitement .....	3	2	5			
Sudden fright .....	0	2	2			
				15	19	34
PHYSICAL.						
Childbirth .....	0	4	4			
Epilepsy.....	7	1	8			
Hereditary influences .....	1	0	1			
Intemperance .....	16	2	18			
Organic disease of brain.....	0	4	4			
Uterine derangement .....	0	1	1			
				24	12	36
Congenital cases .....	...	...	...	3	3	6
Unknown .....	...	...	...	28	20	48
				70	54	124
Hereditary taint known to exist.	...	...	...	5	5	10

TABLE XI.

## ANALYSIS OF SUICIDAL CASES—ADMISSIONS.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Attempted to commit suicide .....	11	13	24
Threatened .....	3	5	8
Unknown as to whether an actual attempt was made .....	3	5	8
	17	23	40



TABLE XII.

SUICIDAL ATTEMPTS.—ADMISSIONS.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
By Drowning .....	3	2	5
Hanging .....	2	2	4
Strangulation .....	0	1	1
Cutting throat.....	2	2	4
Precipitation from window .....	0	3	3
Ditto from bridge .....	1	0	1
Refusal of food .....	0	1	1
Form of attempt unknown .....	3	2	5
	11	13	24

TABLE XIII.

DURATION OF RESIDENCE OF THOSE DISCHARGED CURED.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Under 3 months .....	13	3	16
Between 3 and 6 months .....	7	6	13
6 months and 1 year .....	9	3	12
1 year and 3 ditto .....	2	4	6
	31	16	47

TABLE XIV.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Apoplexy sanguineous .....	1	1	2
“ serous.....	1	0	1
Disease of brain .....	1	0	1
“ heart .....	0	2	2
Dysentery.....	1	0	1
Epilepsy .....	1	0	1
Exhaustion after acute Mania .....	1	1	2
“ “ Melancholia ...	1	0	1
“ “ Amputation of thigh .....	0	1	1
General Debility .....	2	1	3
“ Decay .....	1	0	1
“ Dropsy .....	1	0	1
“ Paralysis.....	10	1	11
Hæmatemesis (Scirrhus of Stomach) ...	0	1	1
Phthisis .....	1	1	2
Ulceration of Bladder .....	0	1	1
	22	10	32



TABLE XV.  
AGES OF PATIENTS WHO HAVE DIED.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Between 15 years and 20 years.....	0	0	0
"    20    "    30    "    .....	3	0	3
"    30    "    40    "    .....	7	3	10
"    40    "    50    "    .....	4	4	8
"    50    "    60    "    .....	5	0	5
"    60    "    70    "    .....	1	2	3
Above 70    "    "    "    .....	2	1	3
	22	10	32

TABLE XVI.  
DURATION OF TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WHO HAVE DIED.

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
Under 2 weeks.....	1	0	1
Between 2 " and 1 month .....	1	0	1
"    1 month " 3 " .....	5	4	9
"    3 " " 6 " .....	4	0	4
"    6 " " 12 " .....	6	1	7
"    1 year " 2 years .....	3	1	4
"    2 " " 5 " .....	0	4	4
"    5 " " 10 " .....	1	0	1
"    10 " " 20 " .....	1	0	1
	22	10	32

TABLE XVII.  
LIST OF ARTICLES OF CLOTHING, BEDDING, &c., MADE AND REPAIRED  
DURING THE YEAR 1856.

ARTICLES.	MADE.	REPAIRED.
IN TAILOR'S SHOP.		
Jackets .....	86	215
Vests .....	98	167
Trowsers .....	24	292
Drawers .....	20	0
Caps .....	97	8
Braces .....	0	41
Suits .....	2	21
Strong dresses for females .....	12	1
Bolster cases .....	3	0
Cushions for communion table, pulpit, &c. ....	3	0
Covers for ditto ditto ditto.....	2	0
Covers for communion table and cushions .....	5	0



TABLE XVII. CONTINUED.

ARTICLES.	MADE.	REPAIRED.
IN TAILOR'S SHOP CONTINUED.		
Laying and fitting carpet in vestry .....	0	0
Binding matting in the chapel .....	0	0
Mats .....	0	1
Stocks .....	0	2
Binding carpets .....	0	0
Ditto boots .....	5	0
Flannel vests .....	0	2
ATTENDANTS' UNIFORM.		
Jackets .....	16	10
Vests .....	16	12
Trowsers .....	16	27
SHOEMAKER'S SHOP.		
Blucher boots, men .....	71½	281
Shoes ditto .....	0	16
Slippers ditto .....	121	19½
Boots, women .....	21	20
Shoes, ditto .....	87	153½
Slippers, ditto .....	1	3
Bluchers, ditto .....	5	52
Shoes (cloth), ditto .....	0	3
FEMALE WARDS.		
Chemises .....	229	513
Shirts .....	238	422
Vests, flannel .....	96	28
Flannel petticoats .....	60	54
Linsey ditto .....	99	70
Stays .....	51	4
Linsey dresses .....	8	0
Jackets .....	274	0
Attendants' dresses .....	42	0
Pinafores .....	24	0
Aprons .....	273	118
Straw bonnets .....	14	0
Handkerchiefs .....	288	0
Neckerchiefs .....	288	140
Flannel drawers .....	174	18
Ditto chemises .....	12	0
Stockings .....	106	874
Ditto footed .....	201	0
Blankets, overcast .....	301	54
Strong blankets .....	20	1
Carpets bound .....	54	0
Day caps .....	292	181
Night caps .....	98	10
Table cloths .....	14	0
Towels .....	139	0
Fish cloths (knitted) .....	10	0
Pillow ticks .....	96	0
Pillow cases .....	223	47
Window valances .....	14	0



TABLE XVII. CONTINUED.

ARTICLES.	MADE.	REPAIRED.
FEMALE WARDS CONTINUED.		
Window blinds .....	40	0
Muslin ditto .....	21	0
Toilet covers .....	8	0
Iron holders .....	234	0
Forfar .....	36	0
Damask sofa covers .....	3	0
	24	0
Easy chair covers ..	14	0
	28	

TABLE XVIII.

EXTRACT FROM DAILY ACCOUNT OF PATIENTS.

	Monday, Nov. 3d, 1856.		Tuesday, Dec. 4th, 1856.		Wednesday, Dec. 5th, 1856.	
MALE WARDS.	Morn.	After.	Morn.	After.	Morn.	After.
Working in land and gardens..	31	31	39	39	45	45
Assisting joiner.....	3	3	3	3	3	3
„ engineer .....	3	3	2	2	3	3
„ plumber and painter..	6	6	6	6	6	6
„ shoemaker .....	8	8	8	8	8	8
„ tailor .....	4	4	4	7	4	4
„ kitchen .....	5	5	5	5	4	4
„ carry'g coal & cinders	13	14	9	8	12	12
„ cleaning wards.....	12	10	12	8	11	11
Working at pump.....	20	21	21	20	21	20
Tinsmith .....	1	1	1	1	1	1
Breaking stones.....	7	8	3	3	3	3
Superintendent's garden.....	5	5	5	6	9	0
Total employed.....	118	119	118	116	121	120
UNEMPLOYED.						
Excitement with seclusion.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
„ without seclusion..	3	3	1	0	0	0
Sick .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quiet .....	9	8	11	14	9	10
	12	11	12	14	9	10
Admissions .....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Discharges and deaths.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total .....	130	130	130	130	130	130



TABLE XVIII. CONTINUED.

EXTRACT FROM DAILY ACCOUNT OF PATIENTS.

	Monday, Nov. 3d, 1856.		Tuesday, Nov. 4th, 1856.		Wednesday, Nov. 5th, 1856.	
FEMALE WARDS.	Morn.	After.	Morn.	After.	Morn.	After.
Cleaning wards.....	16	7	18	6	17	6
Assisting in kitchen.....	6	6	6	6	6	5
" laundry .....	25	25	25	25	25	25
Making men's clothes.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Binding boots and shoes.....	0	0	0	0	1	1
Making hats and bonnets.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mending stockings .....	10	9	4	4	3	3
Knitting and netting.....	5	3	5	5	6	6
Sewing and quilting.....	49	35	46	45	46	47
Picking flocks .....	3	0	0	0	0	0
At superintendent's house.....	4	6	3	3	3	3
Cleaning chapel .....	0	0	0	0	3	0
	120	90	107	94	110	96
UNEMPLOYED.						
Excitement with seclusion.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
" without seclusion...	0	1	0	0	0	0
Sick.....	1	1	1	1	0	0
Quiet .....	27	56	40	53	39	53
Total unemployed.....	28	58	41	54	39	53
Admissions .....	0	0	0	0	1	0
Discharges and deaths.....	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total .....	148	148	148	148	149	149

## GENERAL STATEMENT

OF THE CHESHIRE COUNTY ASYLUM BUILDING FUND, FOR SUMS EXPENDED IN ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS,  
DURING THE YEARS 1855 AND 1856.

Dr.

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£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Cash received from County Treasurer, being Grant made in 1855 .....	10000	0	0			By Balance from last account ...	505	13	8
To ditto ditto ditto, in 1856.....	6000	0	0			By Cash paid for erection of chapel and Superintendent's house .....	3972	4	1
To ditto ditto, being part of a Grant of £2000 made in 1857..	1000	0	0			By ditto general alterations and additions, viz. :—			
						Ironfounders .....	1589	3	9
To ditto for sale of old materials..			17000	0	0	Plumber and Glazier.....	2622	19	7
To ditto from Messrs. Dixons and Wardell, bankers, for interest..			6	0	6	Carpenter .....	4054	14	6
Balance due to Bankers .....			82	14	1	Slater and Plasterer .....	480	11	3
			357	13	5	Stonemason .....	520	0	0
						Bricklayer ..	1199	12	3
						Marble Mason ..	209	16	8
						Well Sinkers ..	70	10	0
						Clockmaker .....	143	2	6
						Erection of lodge and repairs..	332	3	1
						Sundry alterations & fittings..	171	17	5
						Architect's commission .....	728	10	0
						Clerk of Works .....	206	1	0
						Law expenses and sundry disbursements .....	164	7	4
						By furniture for wards, &c. ....			
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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FROM THE 1ST DAY OF  
JANUARY TO THE 31ST OF DECEMBER, 1856.

INCOME.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance 1st Jan., 1856 .....				513	15	7
Interest on £210 16s. 1d. Consols.....	2	19	11			
Old materials sold .....	7	13	11			
Produce of garden and live stock charged to maintenance account, less amount of farming expenses.....	100	12	3			
Produce of farm sold.....	19	13	9			
				130	19	10
Unions and parishes in Cheshire.....	5565	13	5			
County Treasurer.....	497	10	2			
Guardians of the poor for the City of Chester .....	695	6	0			
Parishes in other counties.....	188	8	0			
Private property of criminal and other patients .....	98	4	8			
				7045	2	3
County Treasurer for repairs of building				182	4	8

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FROM THE 1ST DAY  
OF JANUARY, TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1856.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<b>SALARIES AND WAGES.</b>						
<i>Officers.</i>						
Superintendent, at £350 per annum ....	260	12	6			
House Surgeon, at £100 ditto .....	78	6	0			
Chaplain, at £90 ditto .....	90	0	0			
Clerk to Visitors and Clerk of Asylum, at £70 ditto .....	70	0	0			
Treasurer, at £30 ditto .....	30	0	0			
Matron, at £80 ditto .....	80	0	0			
Steward, at £80 ditto .....	80	7	6			
	689	6	0			
<i>Men Servants.</i>						
Head attendant, at £40 per annum ....	40	0	0			
Eight ordinary do., at £25 ditto .....	206	4	4			
One tailor do., at £30 ditto .....	30	0	0			
One shoemaker do., at £25 ditto .....	28	4	6			
One carpenter do., at £35 ditto .....	25	0	0			
One baker do., at £25 ditto .....	13	12	0			
One engineer do., at £46 16s. ditto ..	46	19	7			
One gardener do., at £31 4s. ditto ..	31	4	0			
	421	4	5			
<b>SALARIES AND WAGES.</b>						
<i>Female Servants.</i>						
Head attendant, at £16 per annum ....	10	0	0			
Ten ordinary do., at £10 and £12 ditto ..	117	19	2			
One laundress, at £16 ditto ..	16	0	0			
One cook, at £16 ditto .....	16	18	6			
One housemaid, at £10 ditto .....	10	0	0			
	170	17	8			
Gratuities to attendants .....	13	13	0			
				1295	1	1
<b>PROVISIONS.</b>						
Beer, 9,180 gallons, at 8½d. & 9¾d .....	346	11	0			
Bread, 53,457 lbs. at 2d .....	445	9	6			
Flour, 219½ sacks, at 43s. ½d .....	472	8	6			
Oatmeal .....	53	15	0			
Butter salt, 22 cwt. 2 qrs. 8 lbs. at £5 13s. 6d .....	127	12	8			
Ditto fresh, 1,190 lbs. at 13d. 7-16 ..	67	16	6			
Cheese, 41 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs. at 56s. 2d. 3-8	116	12	4			
Milk, 4,392 gallons, at 7d .....	128	2	0			
Buttermilk .....	3	8	10			
Potatoes, 382½ measures at 2s. 6d. 5-8 ..	48	13	10			
do. grown on farm, 578 do. at 2s. 6d ..	72	5	0			





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JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1856.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
PROVISIONS CONTINUED.									
Butchers' meat, 22,456 lbs. at 5d. . . . . }	930	4	10	3227	2	9			
Butchers' meat, 22,765 lbs. at 4d. 7-8 }									
Fish . . . . .	5	19	6						
Peas . . . . .	17	17	6						
Cocoa, 23 cwt. 2 qrs. 17lbs. at 47s. & 42s.	53	13	6						
Coffee, 540 lbs. at 1s. & 14d. . . . .	29	0	0						
Sugar moist, 53 cwt. 0 qrs. 8 lbs. at 51s. & 46s . . . . .	128	13	9						
do. lump, 300 lbs. at 7d. . . . .	8	12	1						
Tea, 398 lbs. at 2s. 9d. & 3s. 3d. . . . .	55	14	6						
Rice, 43 cwt. 0 qrs. 5lbs. at 21s. 6d. & 15s. 6d. . . . .	38	15	5						
Chicory . . . . .	3	7	6						
Spices . . . . .	24	0	4						
Arrow-root, &c. . . . .	4	12	8						
Currants and raisins . . . . .	7	0	0						
Barm . . . . .	6	10	6						
Bacon, 51 lbs. at 9d. . . . .	1	18	3						
do. from farm, 2,069 lbs. at 5d. & 4d. 7-8	42	5	2						
Vegetables, do . . . . .	60	0	0						
	3301	0	8						
Less amount of farming expenses . . . . .	73	17	11						
WINE, SPIRITS, AND PORTER.									
Wine and spirits . . . . .	38	6	0				67	14	0
Porter, 342 gallons, at 1s. 8d. 5-8. . . . .	29	8	0						
NECESSARIES.									
Coals, 543 tons 1 cwt. 5 qrs. at 8s. 4d. & 10s. 5d. . . . .	274	1	4	553	0	2			
Coke . . . . .	0	11	8						
Gas . . . . .	100	13	5						
Candles, oil, and tallow. . . . .	22	13	5						
Soap . . . . .	102	3	4						
Soft ditto . . . . .	11	18	6						
Soda, starch, blacking, sand, &c. . . . .	40	18	6						
SURGERY AND DISPENSARY.									
Drugs . . . . .	27	12	10	29	1	10			
Surgical instruments . . . . .	1	9	0						
CLOTHING.									
Materials for men's apparel. . . . .	84	10	11						
do. women's do. . . . .	63	13	5						
Shoes . . . . .	98	5	5						



STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FROM THE 1ST OF  
JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1856.

INCOME.		£	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward.....</i>		7872	2	4
<i>Carried forward.....</i>		£7872	2	4

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JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1856.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
CLOTHING CONTINUED.						
Stockings .....	29	9	3			
Calico .....	60	17	9			
Linen .....	35	4	9			
Flannel .....	40	1	6			
Muslin .....	4	4	0			
Lace, ribbon, and net .....	4	7	5			
Aprons .....	1	10	1			
Tapes, needles, and pins .....	26	6	3			
Linsey .....	34	16	3			
Handkerchiefs .....	16	5	11			
Men's caps .....	4	11	6			
Shawls .....	6	0	0			
Bonnets .....	1	15	8			
				512	0	1
FURNITURE AND BEDDING.						
Earthenware .....	9	7	8			
Cutlery and ironmongery .....	43	0	7			
Baskets, tubs, &c. ....	5	16	3			
Brushes .....	25	10	0			
Upholsterer .....	26	4	2			
Blankets .....	23	7	2			
Sheeting ..	11	13	10			
Quilts .....	1	15	0			
Materials for beds and bedding ..	83	1	1			
Oil cloth mats, &c. ....	8	1	8			
Towelling ....	8	14	10			
Blacksmith ....	9	12	11			
Picture frames and sundries .....	6	5	5			
				262	10	7
FUNERAL EXPENSES .....				38	16	0
BUILDING AND REPAIRS.						
Timber .....	37	16	8			
Ironmongery .....	35	0	2			
Oil and paint .....	76	12	1			
Glass ..	17	7	6			
				166	16	5
GARDEN AND FARM.						
Oats, &c. ....	20	8	3			
Manure .....	3	5	3			
Seeds, &c. ....	11	3	4			
Plants and trees .....	9	3	11			
Labour .....	3	0	9			
Drain pipes ..	10	1	10			
Implements .....	6	3	8			
Sundries .....	1	14	0			
Pigs .....	8	16	11			
				73	17	11



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JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1856.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
RATES, TAXES, AND INSURANCE.						
Rates and taxes.....	19	10	10			
Insurance ... ..	14	7	3			
Rent of drain.....	1	1	0			
				34	19	1
MISCELLANEOUS.						
Stationery and printing.....	75	14	5			
Books and periodicals.....	22	3	10			
Postage .....	12	9	8			
Travelling expenses.....	4	14	3			
Recapture of patients.....	6	12	9			
Snuff and tobacco.....	47	14	6			
Sweeping chimnies .....	5	17	6			
Carriage .....	8	10	9			
Advertising .....	1	10	0			
Bank interest and commission.....	13	19	5			
Law expenses .....	9	12	2			
Amusements for patients.....	3	7	0			
Expenses of candidates for house sur- geonship .....	12	4	0			
				224	10	3
Balance in favour of the Asylum...				6485	10	2
				1386	12	2
				7872	2	4

## AVERAGE COST PER HEAD PER WEEK OF 278 PATIENTS.

	£.	s.	d.	
Salaries and Wages.....	0	1	9	5.00
Provisions .....	0	4	6	8.74
Wine, Spirits, and Porter.....	0	0	1	1.23
Necessaries (Fuel, Light, Washing).....	0	0	9	1.81
Surgery and Dispensary.....	0	0	0	4.83
Clothing .....	0	0	8	5.00
Furniture and Bedding.....	0	0	4	3.58
Funeral expenses.....	0	0	0	6.44
Miscellaneous .....	0	0	4	0.58
	£0	8	8	7.21



## CHESHIRE COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM.

ACCOUNT CURRENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1856.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand 1st January, 1856.				90	17	11	By Cash paid, Salaries and Wages.....	1295	1	1
To Cash received for One Year's interest on £210 16s. 1d. consols ...	5	18	0				Provisions .....	3135	7	
To ditto from sales of old materials and produce of labour .....	25	15	11				Wine, spirits, & porter..	79	4	
To ditto from Counties and Boroughs to which Asylum belongs .....	6124	12	4	31	13	11	Necessaries, viz., fuel, light, and washing ...	526	1	6
To ditto from other Counties and Boroughs.....	865	5	5				Surgery and dispensary..	25	10	2
							Clothing .....	477	13	10
							Furniture and bedding..	307	2	
							Funeral expences .....	36	18	
							Building and repairs ...	143	13	5
							Garden and farm.....	75	5	7
							Rates, taxes, & insurance	36	10	11
							Miscellaneous .....	197	9	3
							Balance cash in hand ...	6335	16	9
								776	12	10
								7112	9	7

17th March, 1857.

Examined and found correct.

(Signed) { R. M. FEILDEN,  
THOS. DIXON.

## CHESHIRE COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1856.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Balance of Cash this day, as per account current .....	776	12	10	By amounts due to sundry tradesmen .....	1295	1	1
To amount due for maintenance of patients from Unions and Parishes .....	1721	4	0	" Balance in favour of the Asylum .....	1386	12	2
To ditto from County Treasurer for repairs to building .....	182	4	8				
To ditto for sundries .....	1	11	9				
	2681	13	3		2681	13	3
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