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FORTY-FIRST REPORT

OF

THE RESIDENT PHYSICIAN

OF THE

BELFAST DISTRICT

HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE,

OF THE

COUNTY OF ANTRIM, AND THE COUNTY OF THE TOWN OF CARRICKFERGUS,

From 1st January to 31st December, 1870.

ESTABLISHED 1829.

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1871.

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GOVERNORS

OF THE

Belfast District Hospital for the Insane,

APPOINTED BY

THE LORD LIEUTENANT AND PRIVY COUNCIL OF IRELAND.

No.	Name.	RESIDENCE.	DATE APPOINTS	
1	The Marquis of Donegall,	London,	March,	1829
2	The Mayor of Belfast		farch,	
2 2	The Ven. Archd. Hincks, A.M.,		farch,	1829
4	Robt. J. Tennent, Esq., J.P., D.L.		an.,	1836
5	The Very Rev. Dean Stannus,	Lisburn, A	April,	1842
6	The Rev. J. S. B. Monsell, A.M.,		uly,	1842
7	John S. Crawford, Esq., J.P., D.L.		Nov.,	1847
8	The Lord Bishop of Down and			
9	Connor and Dromore,		April,	1850
	William Dunville, Esq., J.P.,	Richmond Lodge, Co. Down, N	May,	1851
10	The Rev. T. F. Miller, D.D.,	The Vicarage, Belfast, I	Dec.,	185
11	Adam J. Macrory, Esq.,	Duncairn, Belfast, J	une,	1855
12	Lord Dufferin,	Clandeboye, Belfast, I	Dec.,	185
13	Thomas M'Clure, Esq., M.P.,	Belmont, County Down, J	an.,	185
14	LieutColonel Forde, M.P.,	Seaforde, County Down,]	March,	186
15	The Right Rev. P. Dorrian, D.D.	Belfast, S	Sept.,	186
16	SirE.C.W.M'Naghten, Bart., D.L.	Bushmills,	et	186
17	Sir Edward Coey, J.P., D.L.,		Oct.,	186
18	John Young, Esq., J.P., D.L		et.,	186
19	H. H. M'Neile, Esq., J.P.,		Oct.,	186
20	J. B. Houston, Esq., J.P., D.L.,		et.,	186
21	Viscount Templetown,		Oct.,	186
22	Sir R. A. Shafto Adair, Bart		Oct.,	186
23	Captain Gray, J.P., D.L.,		March,	186
24	Sir Thomas Bateson, Bart., M.P.,		March,	
25	Dr. M'Gee, J.P.,		April,	186
26	David Taylor, Esq., J.P.,		eb.,	1868
27	T. Hamilton-Jones, Esq., J. P., D. L.		řeb.,	186
28	Wm. Ewart, jun., Esq., J.P.,		March,	
29	The Rev. James Morgan, D.D.,		March,	
30	Professor Cuming, M.D.,	Belfast,	March,	
31	M. R. Dalway, Esq., M.P.,	Belfast,	March,	
52	James Mehan, Esq., J.P.	Belfast,	March,	
33	The Rev. John Macnaughtan,	D-124	deron,	200
34	317:33: CI / T3- T T5	Glentoran, Belfast,	April,	1869
9.4	William Coates, Esq., J.P	Glentoran, Bellast,	Thirt,	100

RESIDENT MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT. ROBERT STEWART, M.D.

NON-RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICERS.

HENRY MAC CORMAC, M.D. | JAMES MOORE, M.D.

CHAPLAINS.

Established Church	of En	gland	& Ire	land	EDMUND M'CLURE.	
Presbyterian					JOHN MECREDY.	
Roman Catholic					JOHN LENNON.	

Stated Meetings of Governors are held on the first Monday of each month, at Two o'clock, p.m.

REPORT

OF THE

Belfast District Hospital for the Insane,

For the Year ended 31st December, 1870.

Table I .- General Statement of Admissions.

	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
In House on 1st January, 1870 Admitted since, New Cases	135 104	99 82	234 186			
italifect since, new cases				239	181	420
Total under Treatment during the y				239	181	420
Discharged Recovered Do. Relieved	46	26 3	72 8			
Died	15	10	25			
	-		-	66	39	105
Remaining under Treatment on 31s				173	142	315
The Total Admissions during the y			• •			186
Do. for the precedure of Patients	eaing y	the re				$\frac{184}{289.60}$
		preced		rear	200000000000000000000000000000000000000	384.43
Per-centage of Recoveries and Re						001.10
		umber u				27.62
Do. do.	lo.	for th	e pre	ceding	year	32.48
Do. do.	lo. on	year's t	otal .	Admis	sions	43.10
		for th				52.06
Average per-centage of Deaths on t	he tota					
				ng the		5.95
Do. do. do.		for th				3.94
Do. do. do. on	the A	verage	Dai	ly Nu	mber	8.63
Do. do. do.		for th		ng the		5.78
"Dangerous Lunatics" admitted, by	Wown	for th	e pre	ceamg	year	0.10
Magistrates, during the year (as				Males	Females	Total
year's total Admissions), viz.:-		accu III	unc	49	41	90
From County Antrim Jail				4	0	4
	. Li and I	on the co		-		
Average Annual Expense of each Pa					£20	18 7
Do. do. year, included for					20	6 9
Total Expenditure for the year end					6,061	4 8
Do. for the year end					7,521	1 0
Net Profit on Farm and Garden					351	-
			- 11			

Table II.—Ages of the 186 Patients admitted during the Year ended 31st December, 1870.

			Males	Females	Total
Under 20 years, .		 	 7	5	12
20 to 30 ye	ars,	 	 34	33	67
20 to 10	,,	 	 26	21	47
40 to 50	,,	 	 14	8	22
50 to 60	,,	 	 12	9	21
60 to 70	,,	 	 11	6	17
Тота	ALS,	 	 104	82	186

Table III.—Alleged Causes of Insanity in the 186 Cases admitted during the Year ended 31st December, 1870.

					Males	Females	Total
	IORAL (
Disappointment			iety,		6	8	14
Fright,					0	1	1
Jealousy,					1	0	1
Love of Money,					1	0	1
Religious Excite			200		3	1	4
zrongroup znore							
Tota	Morel	Causes,	`		11	10	21
1000	morai	Cattoes,			TT	10	21
75.77	MOTOLT	CAUSES.				-	
					,		~
Bodily Ailments					4	1	5
Fever,					1	0	1
Intemperance,					11	2	13
Puerperal Condi	tion,				0	2	2
Sunstroke,					1	0	1
Total	Physic	cal Causes			17	5	22
Hereditary,					2	5	7
Unascertained,					73	62	135
Idiotic,				2.7	1	0	1
ruiotio,					1	0	1
Тота	LS.				104	82	186

Table IV.—Forms of Disease in the 186 Patients admitted during the Year ended 31st December, 1870.

			Males	Females	Total
Dementia,		 	 11	2	13
Mania,		 	 68	45	113
Melancholia,		 	 6	13	19
Monomania,		 	 19	22	41
Tor	TALS,	 1	 104	82	186

Table V.—Religion of the 186 Patients admitted during the Year ended 31st December, 1870.

		Males	Females	Total
Established Church of Presbyterians and Pro		27 48	16 26	43 74
Roman Catholics,	 	 104	82	186
Totals,	 	 104	82	100

Table VI.—Social Condition of the 186 Patients admitted during the year ended 31st December, 1870.

			Males	Females	Total
Married,		 	 40	14	54
Single,		 	 59	58	117
Widowers an	d Widows,	 	 5	10	15
T	OTALS,	 	 104	82	186

Table VII.—Occupations of the 186 cases admitted during the year ended 31st December, 1870.

				Males	Females	Total
Carpenters,			 	2	0	2
Clerks,			 	5	- 0	5
Dealers,			 	5	1 1	6
Dressmakers,			 	0	3	3
Farmers,			 	41	0	41
Housekeepers,			 	0	20	20
Mechanics,			 	27	0	27
Millworkers,				2	11	13
Pensioners,			 	2	0	2
Policeman,			 	1	0	1
Servants,			 	4	20	24
Soldiers,			 	4	0	4
Teachers,			 	2	2	4
Weavers,			 	5	6	11
Without any kn	own O	ccupation,	 	4	19	23
Тота	ALS.		 	104	82	186

Table VIII.—Degree of Education in the 186 cases admitted during the year ended 31st December, 1870.

			Males	Females	Tota
No Education,		 	 4	10	14
Read only,		 	 12	7	19
Read and Write		 	 86	65	151
Well Educated,		 	 2	0	2
Тоты	LS,	 	 104	82	186

Table IX.—Ages of the 72 Patients Discharged Recovered durring the year ended 31st December, 1870.

						Males	Females	Total
Unde	r 20 ye	ears.			 	3	5	8
From	20 to	30 3	ears,		 	15	10	25
,,	30 to		,,		 	10	8	18
,,	40 to	50	,,		 	10	1	11
23	50 to	60	,,		 	4	1	5
, ,,	60 to	70	,,		 	4	1	5
	,	Гот	ALS,		 	46	26	72

Table X —Shewing the period of time the 72 Patients Discharged Recovered were under treatment during the year ended 31st December, 1870.

		Males	Females	Total
Under 3 months,	 	 7	6	13
From 3 to 6 months,	 	 15	8	23
" 6 to 12 "	 	 10	4	14
,, 1 to 2 years,	 	 10	7	17
,, 2 to 5 ,,	 	 3	1	4
,, 5 to 10 ,,	 	 1	0	1
Totals,	 	 46	26	72

Table XI.—Shewing the Duration of Disease in the 105 Patients Discharged Recovered, Relieved, and who Died, during the year ended 31st Dec., 1870.

DURATION OF DISEASE.		OVERED RELIEVEI		DIED.			
DUMINOUS DANGERS	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
Under 3 months,	10	6	16	7	2	9	
From 3 to 6 months,	15	9	24	0	0	0	
" 6 to 12 months,	11	5	16	2	2	4	
" 1 to 2 years,	10	7	17	3	1	4	
" 2 to 5 "	3	2	5	2	2	4	
" 5 to 10 "	2	0	2	0	1	1	
,, 10 to 20 ,	0	0	0	1	2	3	
Totals,	51	29	80	15	10	25	

Table XII.—Ages of the 25 Patients who Died during the year ended 31st December, 1870.

					Males	Females	Total
From	20 t	0 30	years,	 	 3	1	4
,,	30 t	o 40	,,	 	 4	3	7
	40 t			 	 5	2	7
	50 t		,,	 	 2	3	5
- ,,	60 t	0 70	,,	 	 1	1	2
		То	TALS,	 	 15	10	25

Table XIII .- Employment during the year ended 31st December, 1870.

				Males	Females	Total
Assisting Servants,				20	10	30
Basket Making,		-		1	0	1
Breaking Freestone,				2	0	2
Cultivating the Farm,	%			73	0	73
Embroidering,				()	6	6
Gardening,				4	0	4
Knitting,				0	15	15
Making and Repairing (g. &c.,	0	20	20
Making and Repairing S				4	0	4
Pumping Water,				30	0	30
Smith Work,				1	0	1
Spinning,				0	20	20
Sweeping Yards, Carryin	ng Coals.	&c		20	0	20
Tailoring,				3	0	3
Washing in Laundry,				0	20	20
Warping, Weaving, and				6	0	6
. 0,					-	
Totals,				164	91	255

Table XIV.—Forms of Disease of the Total Number of Patients remaining on 31st December, 1870.

				Males	Females	Tota
Dementia,				 10	9	19
Mania,				 113	101	214
	icated w	ith Epile	psv	 15	11	26
Melancholia,				 16	11	27
Monomania,				 19	10	29
To	TALS,			 173	142	315

Table XV .- Showing the State of the Cases remaining on 31st Dec., 1870.

		Males	Females	Total
Chronic Cases, Probably Curable Cases,	 	 104 69	96 46	200 115
Totals,	 	 173	142	315

Table XVI.—Shewing the Religious Persuasions of the 315 Patients remaining on 31st December, 1870.

				Males	Females	Tota
Established Church o	f Englan	d and In	reland,	48	39	87
Presbyterians and Pro	otestant I	issenter	s,	71	48	119
Roman Catholics,				54	55	109
Totals,				173	142	315

Table XVII.-Obituary for the year ending 31st December, 1870.

	9 %
Cause of Death.	Phthisis Pulmonalis. Maniacal exhaustion and paralysis. General debility, complicated with mania. General debility. Maniacal exhaustion. Maniacal exhaustion. Softening of the brain. Paralysis. General debility. Acute mania, complicated with pulmonary disease Chronic phthisis, with diarrhosa. General debility. Mania, complicated with diarrhosa. General debility. Maniacal exhaustion. Do., complicated with cardiac disease. General debility. Epilepsy. Lumbar Abscess. Maniacal exhaustion. General debility. Maniacal exhaustion. General debility. Maniacal debility. Maniacal debility. Paralysis.
Period an Inmate.	Yre. Mos. Wrs. Dys. 122 0 2 2 2 2 2 2 3 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Occupation.	Hackler. Labourer. Housewife. Farmer. Commercial Traveller. Engineel. Servant. Labourer. None. Clergyman. Flowerer. Fax-dresser. Weaver. Nailor. Servant. Servant. Farmer. Servant. Frarmer. Servant. Keaver. Hanner. Servant. Servant. Keaver. Keaver. Keaver. Keaver. Keaver. Keaver. Keaver. Keaver. Keaver.
Social State.	Single. Married. Single. Married. Married. Married. Married. Widow. Widow. Widower. Widower. Wingle. Single. Single. Single. Single. Single. Single. Single. Single. Single.
Form of Insanity and alleged Exciting Cause.	Mania—Phthisis. Mania—Unknown. Mania—Unknown. Mania—Intemperance. Mania—Wound of eye. Mania—Over study. Mania—Over study. Mania—Perthit. Mania—Pertuniary disappointments. Mania—Pertuniary disappointments. Mania—Pertuniary disappointments. Mania—Pertuniary disappointments. Mania—Pertuniary disappointments. Mania—Pertuniary disappointments. Mania—Hremperance. Mania—Hremperance. Mania—Hremperance. Mania—Unknown. Mania—Unknown. Mania—Unknown. Mania—Unknown. Mania—Unknown. Mania—Unknown. Mania—Unknown.
Age	1485574888888888888888888888888888888888
No. Sex. Age	東京市市市市市市市市市市市市市市市市市市市
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GENERAL HEALTH.

The health which prevailed throughout the year amongst the inmates was, on the whole, generally good, and no epidemic appeared amongst them.

DEATHS.

The mortality for the past year was twenty-five (fifteen males and ten females), the causes being, viz.:—Cerebral affections, eleven (seven males, four females); general debility and advanced age, seven (three males, four females); thoracic affections, four (two males, two females); disease of heart, one (male); abdominal diseases, two (males). The oldest and youngest males respectively in the above list were sixty-two years and twenty-seven; and the oldest and youngest females, sixty-six years and twenty-nine years—the average of the fifteen males being forty-one years, that of the ten females forty-three years, and the average of the entire forty-two years.

SUICIDAL CASES.

The total number of Suicidal cases admitted during the year, as contained in the year's admissions, was twenty-three—viz., twelve men and eleven women. Three of the men made actual attempts to destroy themselves before admission; one in particular having, as the result of a drunken debauch, very nearly accomplished his purpose, by inflicting a deep wound of considerable extent with a razor on the front part of his throat, cutting into the wind-pipe, and otherwise seriously injuring himself. He belonged properly to the County Down, living a few miles from Belfast, into which he was brought immediately after the occurrence of the deed; and, being taken before the Magistrates at Petty Sessions, was sent in here as "a Dangerous Lunatic" (wrapt up in a gory counterpane), there being no alternative but to admit him, irregular as the proceeding appeared to be. He ultimately made a good

recovery; the case, however, being in its treatment a very anxious and troublesome one in its several stages. The other men threatened suicide, but made no actual attempts to do so, neither before nor after admission, requiring, at the same time, to be vigilantly watched to prevent the accomplishment of their purpose. Three of the eleven women of this class made actual attempts, whilst at large, to shorten their lives by strangulation; the others had a strong propensity in that way, but effected no injury upon themselves; and, happily, it is to be stated that no casualty under the above category occurred here during the year now completed.

HOMICIDAL CASES.

The Homicidal admissions were to the amount of fortytwenty-five men and fifteen women. Four of the former threatened to kill their fathers; three, their wives; four, their mothers; the remainder being dangerous in their conduct in their families and to others. Of the women, one attempted to kill her father; another threatened her mother's life; two attempted the lives of their children; one threatened the life of her sister; the others in various ways put those around them in bodily fear and dread of their lives. It has been in former Reports observed that the Suicidal, and Suicido-homicidal inmates of these Institutions are a perpetual source of disquietude and uneasiness in all their movements, the perseverance and originality they exercise day and night, and night and day, to accomplish their ends being inconceivable, except to those whose lot it is to be eye and ear witnesses thereof, and who have the unenviable responsibility of their charge.

ACCOMMODATION.

No pressure has been experienced in regard to affording accommodation to the inmates presented during the year. The total number for which the house is calculated is three hundred and thirty; and at the termination of the year there were on the books three hundred and fifteen, thus leaving but a small margin for future wants. And now, since admission has become so comparatively easy by means of magisterial warrants, and little or no control being enabled to be exercised in regard to such admissions, the law being peremptory for their reception, it will not likely be long before the entire available accommodation is absorbed.

BIRTH DURING THE YEAR.

One of the female patients, admitted as "a dangerous lunatic," gave birth, three months afterwards, to a healthy male infant of full maturity, the latter being ultimately taken in charge by its aunt, and the mother making a good recovery, physically, but not otherwise, her mental condition continuing disturbed, and her general conduct exceedingly turbulent and troublesome. She could not bear the sight of the infant, becoming highly excited when it was presented to her notice for a mother's temporary care.

"DANGEROUS LUNATICS."

The Act of Parliament authorising the admission of the above class of inmates on the warrant of two magistrates, was largely taken advantage of last year, as hitherto, for its readiness of disposal of such cases, when ninety were sent in—forty-nine males and forty-one females. A large proportion of the above admissions was of the most wretched description—filthy in person, and tattered and torn in dress, being of the lowest mental development, and morally of a most degraded type. Excess in stimulants was the immediate exciting cause in not a few, from which, being removed, they soon recovered, but only, in too many instances, to fall back into their former vicious course of life when again at their liberty.

AMUSEMENTS, ETC., OF THE INMATES.

The outside walks, and attendance occasionally at Flower Shows and places of Public Amusement, afforded, as usual, during the past year, no small agreeable variety to those capable of partaking of the same. The monotonous life of the inmates of an Institution for the Insane requires all the variety possible to be called into requisition for the removal of the ennui of their condition to the utmost, and the above methods of doing so are invaluable, having the happiest effects, together with that of allowing convalescing patients not only to see their friends, but to spend a day, or a portion thereof, with them occasionally, which is productive of the best results.

PATIENTS' BAND.

One of the best and most skilful in producing 'sweet sounds' in the original formation of the House Band was unfortunately amongst the number of the removals to the County Down Hospital for the Insane,—his loss, with that of another, being largely felt, and great difficulty was experienced in supplying the vacuum this caused; however, with the perseverance of Mr. Dornan, the Bandmaster here so many years, the loss sustained has been in a great measure made up by new pupils under his skilful teaching, and the Band brought up to a very fair state of efficiency and affording much pleasure and enlivenment to the inmates generally at their stated re-unions, &c., in the Recreation Hall.

SANITARY BUILDINGS.

The new bath-rooms, lavatories, and water-closets are still unfinished, and from present appearances need scarcely be expected to be delivered up complete for some months yet. The continued presence of tradesmen within the walls of such an institution as this greatly embarrasses its operations, and which, with even entire freedom from any palpably

exciting cause of this kind, is a work and labour of much difficulty and constant anxiety to those immediately responsible for its good conduct.

NEW DINING AND RECREATION HALL.

This important addition to the house has been completed for some months past, and is used for recreative purposes regularly, but not as yet as a refectory, owing to the scullery connected with it being still in the hands of the contractor; but it will soon, it is expected, be in readiness for its special purposes.

DEFICIENCY IN SUPPLY OF WATER.

The Committee referred to in last year's Report as having been appointed to inquire into the deficient supply of water from the spring wells on the grounds, having examined into the matter, ultimately reported that, for the present at least, they considered it would be better not to incur any expenditure in connexion therewith, and recommended that another Summer should be tried before carrying into effect the proposed remedy of sinking the steam-engine, in order to pump out the wells more completely than in its present site it was capable of doing; and with this Report the Board acquiesced.

NEW GOVERNOR.

Since last year, one new Governor has been appointed by order in Council—viz., William Coates, Esq., J.P., Glentoran, Ballymacarrett.

CLINICAL INSTRUCTION.

A class of senior medical students attended the House during the past year, with the Board's approval and authority, for the benefit of instruction in the general treatment of patients in these Institutions, the pupils attending one day in each week for a period of three months under the superintendence of the Resident Physician, each paying a fee of one guinea.

ATTENDANCE OF GOVERNORS.

The Governors who attended the regular monthly meetings, and one special meeting of the Board during the past year, and the number of their respective attendances, were as follow:—Mr. Macrory (13); Doctor Cuming, M.D., (12); Doctor M'Gee, J.P., (10); Rev. John Macnaughtan (9); Mr. W. Coates (8); Mr. H. H. M'Neile (7); Mr. Taylor (7); Mr. Hamilton-Jones (7); Sir Edward Coey (6); Mr. John Sharman Crawford (6); the Bishop of Down and Connor and Dromore (4); Right Rev. Dr. Dorrian (4); Mr. Jas. Mehan (4); Mr. M'Clure, M.P. (3); Mr. John Young (3); Mr. J. Blakiston Houston (3); Viscount Templetown (2); the Mayor of Belfast (Dr. Browne, R.N.) 1.

CHAPLAINS.

In May last, the Lord Lieutenant appointed three Chaplains, under the provisions of the recent Act of Parliament, the Board of Governors declining to do so, and also protesting against such appointments—namely, a Protestant, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic Chaplain; and since which the ministerial services of each have been regularly performing.

SEPARATION OF THE COUNTY DOWN FROM THIS DISTRICT.

In reference to the proceedings recorded in last year's Report connected with the separation of the County Down from this Institution, Mr. Wilkinson, the Government Commissioner and Valuator, ultimately made his report thereon, which, having been submitted to the several Grand Juries of Antrim, Down, and Carrickfergus, was approved of by them, and of which the following is an abstract of the Commis-

sioner's award, in tabular form, as kindly supplied by Mr. Wilkinson :-

Name of Asylum,	Belfast		
Date of Expenditure,	1829	to 1	869.
Extent of Land purchased for			
site,	53A.	2R.	20p.
Cost of site,	£8,731	7	11
Improved value, Agriculturally			
only, of Labour of Patients,	£268	0	0
Original Cost of Buildings,	£23,257	19	4 *
Amount expended in additions			
and permanent improve-			
ments between dates given,	£26,063	6	7
Total cost of the original Build-			
ings and subsequent addi-			
tions and permanent im-			
provements,	£49,321	5	11
Present value of the Buildings,			
allowing for deterioration up			
to the period of removal of			
patients,	£36,261	5	11 †
Present value of Furniture,			
Fittings, and Clothing,	£1,565	7	8
Total present value of Build-			
ings, Site, Furniture, &c.,	£46,826	1	6

Name of old District Asylum.. Belfast.

to old district, ..

Total present value of buildings, Land, Furniture, &c., Carrickfergus, as per above return, showing what belongs to each,

Name of County in Schedule B, removed from old district

Equitable amount to be repaid) by the several Counties on Schedule A, to the County } of Down, in Schedule B, referred to in the Warrant, ...

Names of Counties belonging) Antrim, County of Down, and Town of Carrickfergus.

> Antrim, .. £22,937 2 11 593 1 Down, .. 23,298 16

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s. d. Antrim, £22,705 $\begin{pmatrix} 6 & 10 \\ C.-fergus, & 593 & 10 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ 23,295 16 10

(Signed)

GEO. WILKINSON.

Dated May, 1870.

Note .- Land last purchased is not included.

^{*} Including fence-walls.

[†] Deterioration includes buildings and fences removed.

NEW PRIVY COUNCIL RULES.—SALARIES OF MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENTS.

A revision of the General Rules and Regulations for the management of these Institutions was issued by order in Council in November last, the former issue having been in 1862. A new feature in the present rules is the regulation of the salaries of the Resident Medical Superintendents, based upon a capitation scale—that is to say, according to the accommodation afforded to patients, and is as annexed:—

- 1. When the accommodation shall be under Two Hundred and Fifty, the salary of the Resident Medical Superintendent shall be at the rate of £340 per annum.
- 2. When the accommodation shall be Three Hundred and Fifty, and under Five Hundred, £450 per annum.
- 3. When the accommodation shall be Five Hundred, and under Six Hundred, £500 per annum.
- 4. When the accommodation shall be Six Hundred, and under Eight Hundred, £550 per annum.

PAY PATIENTS.

Another entirely new regulation embodied in this revised code is that of empowering the admission of pay patients as follows:—

Patients who have not sufficient available means of their own for payment of their maintenance in a private Lunatic Asylum, but whose friends are willing to pay, wholly or in part for their care and maintenance, may be admitted into District Asylums, subject to the following regulations:—

No such patient shall be admitted, so long as there shall be unsatisfied and legitimate claims for the admission of lunatic poor who have no available means of their own, and whose friends are unable or unwilling to contribute towards their care and maintenance in the Asylum.

Every agreement for payment shall be made with the Resident Medical Superintendent, and shall not exceed the average of the general cost, nor be less than one-half of the average cost, for the care and maintenance of patients in the District Asylum to which such patient shall be admitted; and the amount so stipulated shall be payable in advance by half-yearly instalments, and such paying patients shall be subject to the same rules and regulations as other patients in regard to their treatment, care, and maintenance.

ASSISTANT MEDICAL OFFICERS.

A further organic change in the conduct of these Institutions is the very important one of an assistant medical officer to the Resident Medical Superintendent being now established—one which must be admitted to be a most necessary adjunct to the official staff, and which has for years past been the established rule in the public Hospitals for the Insane in England and Scotland.

The qualifications and duties of the Assistant Medical Officer are thus laid down:—

He shall be duly qualified as a Physician and Surgeon, and hold a diploma in midwifery.

He shall assist the Resident Medical Superintendent in the performance of all the duties of that officer, and he shall perform all other duties that may be required of him, subject to the approval of the Inspectors, and shall not be absent from the Institution at the same time with the Resident Medical Superintendent.

OFFICIAL INSPECTIONS.

The following are the Reports made by the Government Inspectors of their official visits to the Establishment during the past year:—

"Visited and found the Establishment in its general satisfactory condition, in the absence of the Resident Physician. The extern Medical Officers are very regular in their attendance. The Sanitary state of the inmates is remarkably good. I am happy to observe that the new buildings are so far advanced. I much fear that the proposed alteration in the dining room will materially interfere with its structural appearance, and be as such quite out of character with its original symmetry. The covered passage, too, from the female side I think unnecessary; and, instead of alterations in detail that seldom effect a satisfactory or in the end the most economical result, I would recommend the enclosure of a suitable store, easy of access, to the contractors, and adjoining the kitchen, at the rere of the buildings; however, as the plans considered at the last meeting here have been sent up to the Board of Control, it may be premature for me to enter further into particulars.

" (Signed)

"J. NUGENT.

"Having visited several of the day-rooms and corridors, and also the patients, I have to express myself greatly pleased with their general appearance as to comfort, cleanliness, and order. Doctor Stewart having pointed out to me the intended covered way outside of the dining hall, and explained its purpose, I quite concur with him and Mr. Wilkinson as to the necessity of it, and also that of converting the old recreation hall into a store room, and using the present one as a scullery for the new dining hall.

"(Signed)

"G. W. H. HATCHELL.

"May 8th, 1870."

"On inspecting the Belfast District Asylum, I find it in its usual state of order and cleanliness, and the inmates fully attended to. sanitary condition is very satisfactory—six only being in hospital. I am glad to observe that the buildings are in such forward progress. With reference to the dining hall, its arrangement and furniture, as the Board meets so soon, and before the selection of articles is made, I would recommend the Governors to judge for themselves, by personal examination on certain points. I think the Orchestra might be improved and rendered more useful if the back dais was higher. The windows, too, appear to me to be unprotected, as also Dr. Stewart will point out. In regard to the tables, iron supporters are perhaps the best on the whole, but those sent as a pattern are clumsy, and instead of sharp angles should have rounded edges. The seats, too, are, at the same time, very heavy and too narrow. I would suggest somewhat lighter ones, and made broader by two or three inches. It would also be highly advisable, considering that the refectory is intended besides for a recreation hall, that comfortable benches with backs should be procured, as well as single chairs. As to any light ornamentation to break the monotony of such a large apartment, it is a question for the taste of the Governors. I venture, however, to suggest the advisability of a surbase, the hall otherwise looking very unfinished.

" (Signed)

"JOHN NUGENT.

"30th June, 1870."

"Visited and inspected the house, which, in the absence of the Resident Physician, appears to be generally in good order. There are various improvements, such as the re-flagging of the kitchen, renovating the stair-steps in many corridors, which require attention. When the new buildings are occupied, I think the interior organization of the Asylum can be rendered better, and on which I hope, in person, to consult with the Board of Governors at an early day.

" (Signed)

"J. NUGENT.

"2nd December, 1870."

"On my inspection of the Belfast District Asylum this day, I found t in a very satisfactory condition as to cleanliness, ventilation, and order. The patients at present in the establishment number in all 316—viz., 172 males, and 144 females. They all appear to be very carefully attended to in every respect. The males are principally employed on the grounds, and many at the several trades, such as Shoemaking, Tailoring, and Weaving. The females are employed assisting in the kitchen and laundry. Many also are engaged in Sewing, Knitting, and Spinning. Their clothing is comfortable and in good condition. The sanitary state of the patients is very satisfactory, there being only eight confined to bed from bodily ailment. With only one exception, they were all, both males and females, tranquil and orderly. There was none under seclusion or restraint. The new buildings are progressing, and, when finished, will add greatly to the general comfort of the establishment—both to patients and officers.

" (Signed)

"G. W. H. HATCHELL.

"December 2nd, 1870."

CONCLUSION.

The general conduct of the attendants in the discharge of their unceasingly onerous and frequently personally dangerous duties, the Resident Physician feels much satisfaction in stating has been much to their credit throughout the year now closed.

ROBERT STEWART, M.D.,

Resident Medical Superintendent.

GENERAL TABLES OF STATISTICS.

Table XVIII.—Shewing the Admissions, Discharges, &c., from each County in the District, during the year ended 31st December, 1870.

		Males	Females	Total
Antrim, County of the Town of Carrickfergus,	::	101	78 4	179 7
Тотаць,		104	82	186
Discharged, &c., to each	Cou	NTY.		
	4	Males	Females	Total
Antrim,		65 1	36 3	101 4
Totals,		66	39	105
REMAINING IN THE HOUSE 31s	T DEC	., 1870		
		Males	Females	Total
Antrim,		168 5	137 5	305 10
Totals,		173	142	315

Table XIX .- Ages of Patients remaining on 31st December, 1870.

		Males	Females	Total
Under 20 years,	 	 14	9	23
20 to 30 years,	 	 42	37	79
30 to 40 ,,	 	 34	32	66
40 to 50 ,,	 	 43	33	76
50 to 60 ,,	 	 24	19	43
60 to 70 ,,	 	 16	12	28
Totals,	 	 173	142	315

Table XX.—Shewing the Articles manufactured and made by the Patients during the year ended 31st December, 1870.

1150 Hanks Linen Yarn. 810 Yards Plain Linen.	45 Petticoats. 20 Wrappers.
310 Pairs Stockings and Socks.	96 Day Caps.
155 Sheets.	42 Bed Ticks.
180 Shirts.	60 Gowns.
60 Shifts. 124 Aprons.	232 Pillow Slips.
124 Aprons.	

Table XXI.—Shewing the Number of Cases Admitted, Recovered, Relieved, and who Died in each Quarter and each Month, respectively, during the year ended 31st December, 1870.

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1870.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
January, February, March,	10 17 8	3 10 4	13 27 12	3 0 4	0 0 1	3 0 5	1 0 0	0 0 0	1 0 0	1 1 1 1	0 1 0	1 2 1
April, May, June,	8 11 12	6 8 6	14 19 18	1 3 8	3 3 0	4 6 8	1 0 0	0 0 1	1 0 1	4 0 1	0 0 1	4 0 2
July, August, September,	8 6 5	15 8 4	23 14 9	5 8 4	3 2 1	8 10 5	1 1 0	0 1 1	1 2 1	0 0 2	0 1 0	0 1 2
October, November, December,	6 8 5	7 6 5	13 14 10	5 3 2	4 5 4	9 8 6	0 0 1	0 0 0	0 0 1	3 2 0	2 2 3	5 4 3
	104	82	186	46	26	72	5	3	8	15	10	25

Table XXII.—Shewing the Duration of the Residence of the 315 Patients remaining under Treatment, 31st December, 1870.

			Males	Females	Tota
From 1	to 2 months,	 	11	10	21
	to 3 ,,	 	14	14	28
	to 6 ,,	 	12	10	22
	to 9 ,,	 	15	16	31
	months to 1 year,		19	18	37
	year to 18 months,	 	12	11	23
	months to 2 years,	 	12	14	26
	rooms to A	 	12	9	21
4	+- C	 	8	6	14
e	to 10		9	6	15
10	4- 15	 	7	5	12
15	4- 00	 	10	5	15
90	4- 05	 	9	6	15
0.5	4- 90	 	11	8	19
90		 	12	4	16
,, 50	,, and upwards,	 	12	4	10
	Totals,	 	173	142	315



of Recoveries, per cent. of the Admissions for each Year ending 31st March and 31st December, since TABLE XXIII.—Shewing the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths, with the mean Annual Mortality, and Proportion the Opening of the Establishment.

Dar centage		Resident.	89.88	11.30	17.49	8.04	9.21	87-6	18.58	12.30	8.24	12.88	08.6	10.94	7.21	8.29	15.50	9.51	10.58
Per centage	Recoveries	Admissions.	82-79	38.44	34.23	34.26	31.59	57.91	81.78	27.95	29.87	25.3)	26.15	29-17	80.98	27.25	26.36	24.19	23.53
	Average Number Resident.		103.68	132.65	131-15	136.78	151.50	163.49	166.75	178.75	194.00	217.35	244.67	246.80	249.44	253.15	258.83	252.18	254-96
6	, 1870.	Total.	113	142	125	140	163	161	166	178	205	227	245	250	252	264	248	256	260
Remaining	31st December, 1870.	Female.	55	74	89	75	85	83	88	93	86	104	113	112	112	120	106	112	114
	31st D	Male.	58	89	22	65	78	78	78	85	107	123	132	138	140	144	142	144	146
	ċ	Fmle. Total. Male. Fmle Total.	6	15	23	11	14	16	31	22	15	53	24	27	18	21	40	24	27
	DIED.	Fmle	60	5	00	9	7	6	15	12	10	19	10	18	10	8	56	15	12
		Male.	9	10	15	20	7	7	16	10	20	10	14	6	8	13	14	6	15
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DISCHARGED	red.	Male, Fmle, Total. Male, Fmle, Total, Male,	44	51	45	47	48	62	53	58	65	(3	65	72	96	69	89	61	61
	Recovered.	Fmle.	12	22	24	29	25	30	22	39	40	33	31	37	37	56	35	29	95
	R	Male.	25	59	21	18	23	32	31	19	25	30	34	35	59	43	33	32	26
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	AL	Male.	94	51	41	32	43	37	42	36	52	99	62	99	72	64	09	53	20
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262.56	271.32	267.51	271.12	275.71	280.01	272.11	266.48	291-96	323.95	342.59	347.21	858.97	86.98	359.50	362.90	366.02	364.51	365.75	362.91	369.55	384.43	363.91	289.60			
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DIETARY

OF THE

Belfast District Hospital for the Insane.

BREAKFAST.

One quart stirabou and three-fourth parts of new mil	s of a pint k and butt	of mixed	milk	(equal	Males,	-
One-and-half-pint	stirabout	and one	pint	mixed	Females.	Morning.
milk,						

DINNER.

One half-pound loaf bread (or 3lbs. potatoes), 6oz	Males &	3 days
solid meat, and one pint soup,	Females.	a-week
One half-pound loaf bread (or 3lbs. potatoes) and one	i	
quart soup, made with ox heads and bones cut out	- Males.	3 days
of meat, vegetables, oatmeal, barley, peas &c.,		
One half-pound loaf bread (or 3lbs. potatoes), and	Females.	a-week
one-and-nair-pint soup,	remares.	
Three-fourths of a pound of loaf bread (or 3 lbs.)	Males.	
potatoes), and one pint mixed milk,		Evidens
One half-pound loaf bread (or 3lbs. potatoes), and	Females.	Fridays.
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SUPPER.

One half-pound loaf bread, and three-fourths of a pint of new milk,	First six months.
One quart stirabout, and three-fourths pint of new	
One-and-half-pint stirabout and one half-pint new Females.	Last six months.
milk,	

^{***} Patients who are actively employed are allowed a portion of flesh-meat in addition to the soup, five instead of three days in the week. When the state of the patient's health requires it, the diet is changed accordingly, and any other substituted that may be considered requisite by the Medical Officers.

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