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MEDICAL REPORT.

THE number of Patients in the Aberdeen Asylum on 1st January, 1865, was three hundred and sixty-three.

The Admissions during the subsequent twelve months were one hundred and eleven.

The Removals were eighty-nine, and the Deaths twenty-three.

The gross number of Patients for the year 1865 was four hundred and seventy-four, and the mean number resident three hundred and sixty-two.

At the conclusion of the year the number in the house was three hundred and sixty-two ; or, one hundred and seventy Males, and one hundred and ninety-two Females. Of this total two hundred and sixty-five are parochial cases, and ninety-seven are private patients, of whom thirty are boarded at Elmhill House.

This view of the year's statistics shows a decrease of one on the whole number of cases, an increase in the number of Farochial cases being quite counterbalanced by a falling off in the number of private patients; the daily average residence, however, is above that of last year, by sixteen. These comparative relations, whatever may have been their result on the financial character of the period reported on, have had no unfavourable influence on its medical history; as will be briefly shown.

No fewer than sixty-seven patients were discharged recovered, which, in relation to the number of admissions, is no less than sixty per cent., or one-third more than the ordinary results of Asylums generally, and remarkable also as being made up by a considerable increase in the proportion of the private cases usually included under this head. The duration of superintendence and treatment has in these cases had a range unwontedly extended,—namely, from six weeks to about six years. In consequence of the recovery of many old residents, the average time of confinement in the sixty-seven recovered cases would have to be represented as about fifteen months, which is at least double what might be considered an ordinary period.

The deaths have not been above the favourable average of the Aberdeen Asylum, and also somewhat under the proportion of last year. There is nothing unusual in the causes or the circumstances connected with them. The average age at death was fifty-one and a-half years; and the duration of previous residence three years and six months.

In the history of the House during 1865 the most remarkable event is the fire which consumed the laundry on 3d April. It broke out in the middle of the night, and in two or three hours destroyed the whole building, with its contents, in spite of the attempts at extinction immediately set about, with well directed effort and zeal, by the local staff of Attendants, with the aid of a fire-engine on the premises ; and, soon after, with additional engines and help from the town. In this way the washing-house was entirely saved, and the fire prevented from extending to any of the adjacent buildings. No single patient was injured or even disturbed, and the startling event was mostly unknown to them until next day. The laundry was an old and insufficient part of the Institution, and was soon to have made way for accommodation more in harmony with the rest of the Establishment, and better adapted to present requirements.

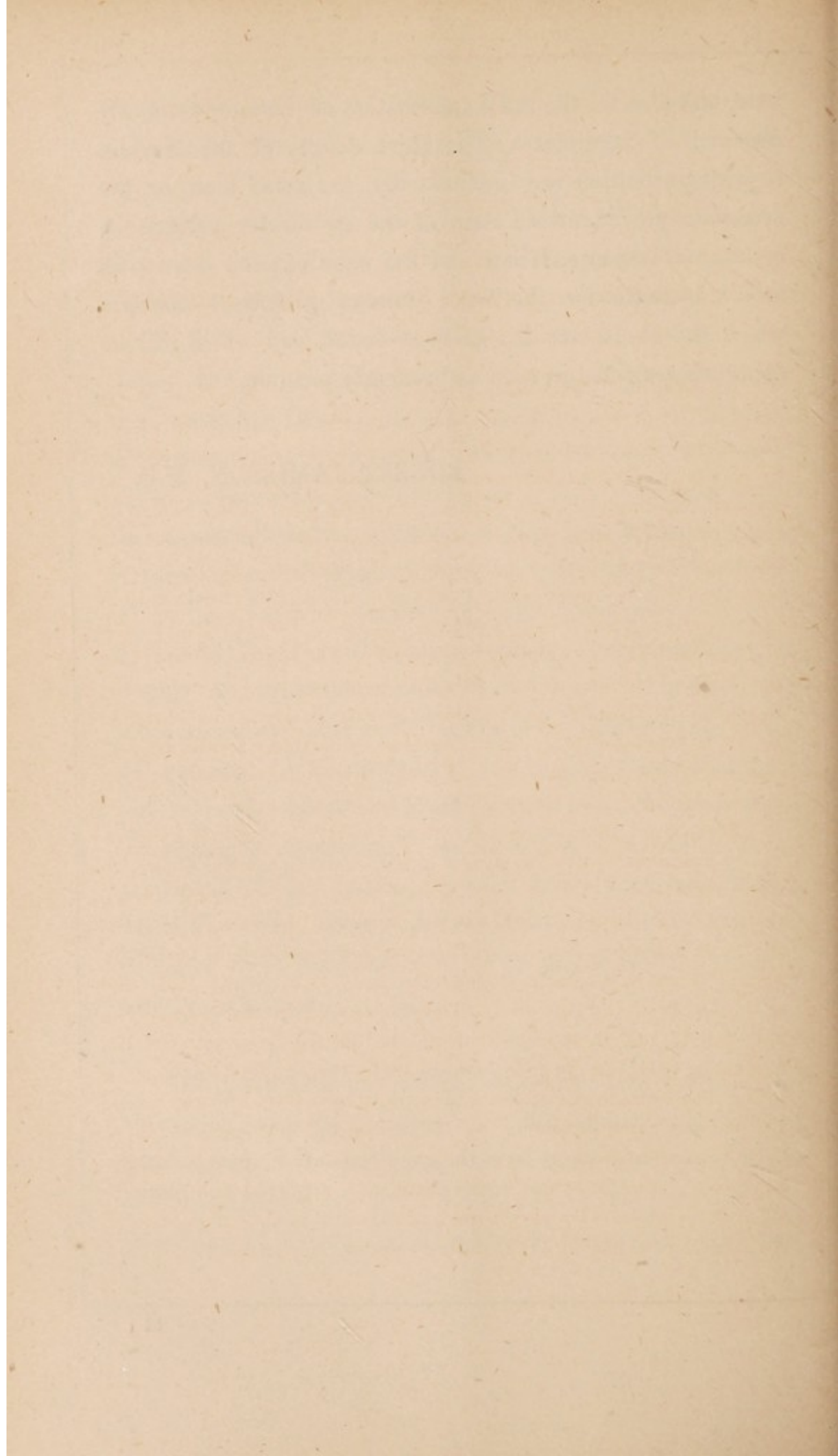
During the summer months there were several escapes, effected chiefly by patients employed in gardening and agricultural work, who had not the strength of mind to resist the temptation of occasionally occurring opportunities, when not too closely overlooked. In two of these instances the individuals, being convalescent, and about to be liberated were not sought to be reclaimed ; in one case the runaway had to be brought back from a Poor's house in Northumberland, into which he had found his way as a vagrant ; and in another, the patient, apparently not finding liberty so nice a thing as he had pictured it, rung the outer gate bell, and requested re-admission on the third day of his emancipation.

No accident of much importance happened. A male patient had a severe injury of the scalp with active hæmorrhage, from an awkward tumble, and a female occasioned alarm by an attempt at suicide by eating a cantharides blister. During the month of September several cases of gastric fever sprung up, and it became necessary to set apart a ward for their reception on the east side of the House, where the cases chiefly occurred, affecting several of the female servants. Also, in the month of October, there was an epidemic of sore throats, which was rather more general, affecting seventeen persons in all, in various divisions of the House. During the year about two thousand five hundred visits were paid to patients by relatives and acquaintances, and numerous return visits encouraged. There were the usual number of walks, excursions, and visits to places of interest and recreation ; and assemblies for dancing, singing, and other amusements, were frequent during the winter months ; and parties for cricket and out-door games during the summer. A large number of books, periodicals, and newspapers, is, as hitherto, provided ; and, in short, the propriety of interesting and stimulating the attention as part of the moral treatment of the disease, is, as it has always been in this Hospital, duly recognised, and followed out in the way reckoned most judicious, and in its proper relation to other curative influences.

The Lunacy Commissioners' Reports for 1865 are appended as written, with the exception of certain statistical particulars, better given in the published Annual Reports of the Asylum, and omitted for brevity. These official criticisms are subjoined out of respect to the authority from which they ema-

nate, and also for the fuller information of the more curiously disposed of inquirers. The chief defects of the Asylum requiring attention are, undoubtedly, the small size, or the occasionally overcrowded state of the day-rooms, a deficiency of lavatory accommodation, and the want of good sick rooms and infirmaries for the lower class of patients, — matters which the Management is quite aware of, and which will be doubtless remedied as soon as prudently possible.

ROBERT JAMIESON, M.D.



APPENDIX.

No. I.

Extracts from Dr. Browne's Report of 21st March, 1865.

AN additional Water-closet has been placed in the West Wing, and two in the front House; and a number of bed-rooms in the Ladies' and Gentlemen's flat have been rendered much more cheerful by papering. These constitute the only materialistic changes in the original Building since last Report, 25th July, 1864. The changes in the population consist in eighty-seven admissions. Of these 63 were paupers; several of whom belonged to the District of Elgin, having been sent here in consequence of the non-completion of the alterations in the Asylum upon which they have a claim. The physical Health of these patients has not been registered in the column set apart for the purpose, but the mental malady is described as—Amentia in 4; Dementia in 15, in one case complicated with Paralysis; as Mania in 23; as Melancholia in 21, seven of these exhibiting Suicidal tendencies; as Monomania in 7, two of which were characterised by suspicion; and in six the Diagnosis is not recorded.

Forty-eight discharges, of which Twenty-eight were Paupers. Thirty-four were recovered, nine relieved, and five left the Establishment unimproved. * * * Nine Deaths, six occurring among Paupers. The cause, which was not, however, determined by *post-mortem* examination, is given as Paralysis in 2; as Cerebral Disease in 2; as Phthisis in 2; as Emphysema Pul. in 1; as Bronchitis in 1; and as the Decay of Old Age in 1. The duration of the fatal malady is not stated; but it appears that of the deceased one entered the Asylum in 1841; one in 1858; two in 1861; three in 1863; and one in 1865. The average age at death appears to have been fifty-two years. The present inmates amount to 167 males and 201 females; there being thus an increase of 30 in the gross population, since last statutory visit. The House was found clean, well arranged and comfortable. As evening advanced, parts and passages in the extremities of the Building, which were cold during the day, acquired a genial tem-

perature, showing that the Heating apparatus works efficiently. Four pairs of blankets are supplied to every bed. Hot bottles are given to the sick and infirm ; and open fires were burning wherever there were grates. Except where individuals were confined by illness, or other cause, to single rooms, the ventilation was good ; but the oppressive and offensive smell at these points demands attention in connection with health, as well as comfort. The large number of 19 patients were found in bed. Certain of these suffered from indisposition ; others were recovering from the effects of Epileptic attacks ; but several had been allowed to retire merely to indulge in repose, a practice which may, occasionally, be expedient, but which is open to great abuse by demented, melancholics, &c. The dress of the pauper patients was, upon the whole, good and suitable ; but a number of the females had no covering for the head, and yet were roaming about in the airing yards. Several were noticed on the floor in the East Wing Halls, on the Female side ; but here the population amounts to 93, appears crowded, and is committed to the charge of four guardians, so that, considering the class of patients, supervision must be too much diffused to embrace the difficulties occurring, or to prove effectual. The separation of the inmates into smaller groups, or an increase of the Staff, would prove beneficial. The personal appearance of the majority of the patients was satisfactory, except where special contrivances are considered necessary to meet unseemly or injurious habits. They are bathed once a week ; and encouraged to bestow care upon their dress. Dinner was taken in the North Hall in the presence of the Reporter. It consisted of broth, beef, potatoes, bread, (oaten cakes) and beer ; was ample in quantity, and neatly served ; but the absence of knives and forks lessened the comfort and enjoyment of the meal. It is understood that a change in this respect has been introduced into certain galleries on the Male side.

The small communities in the separate Houses have, in all respects, realised the expectations formed as to the beneficial effects of the experiment. In an Establishment where not above one-seventh of the inmates are regarded as curable, and where not more than a third engage in any industrial employment, it is much to be desired that this arrangement could be carried out still farther ; and although the present Laundry is, as has repeatedly been observed, altogether unsuited to its present purpose, and unworthy so splendid and increasing an Institution, it might be converted into dwellings for distinct Societies, where particular capacities might be better

developed and utilised than in the crowded Halls of a large Hospital. A similar object, that of averting or diminishing the tendency to chronicity, lethargy, and dementia, engendered by massing the insane in large numbers and treating them in classes, might be, partially, accomplished by greater recourse to active exertion—by the introduction of attractive and health-giving recreations, in which patients personally participate—by the ornamentation of the interior, and by the formation of workrooms, reading rooms, &c. * * * Although the numbers of patients given as confined are not constantly confined to the Airing Courts, yet there is, at all times, a large body of the most degraded class pent up there, and for whom the provision of privies at present existing must be held to be altogether insufficient and inappropriate. Water should be introduced into all; and comfort and cleanliness, as well as privacy, secured.

Such and similar defects require to be remedied in order to place the different parts of this Establishment in keeping and harmony; for it is obvious that the admirable arrangements at Elmhill afford abiding evidence of what can be accomplished, although upon a humbler scale; and that the skill, experience, and kindness displayed in the general treatment and management of the inmates will speedily embrace these matters specified, as scarcely inferior in importance to attention to the ordinary laws of health, if they be not comprehended in these. Elmhill now contains about 30 Boarders, and presents all the characteristics of a well appointed, well regulated Sanatorium.

The Books, Orders, were examined. Seclusion has been used 29, the Shower-bath 10 times. An accident book is kept.

No. II.

Extracts from Sir James Coxe's Report of 3d August, 1865.

At the visit of 21st March the Patients in the Asylum were 167 Males and 201 Females. The present numbers are 168 Males and 188 Females. * * * Of the Patients admitted, four had formerly been in the Asylum. The mental affection is registered as Melancholia in 9 cases, Dementia in 10, Monomania in 5, Mania in 5, and in 6 no entry has been made. Of the Patients discharged, 29 had recovered. Of those not recovered, 7 were private and 3 pauper; and of the latter 2 were transferred to other Asylums. The years of admission of the recovered cases, were 1861 in 3, 1863 in 1, 1864 in 12, and 1865 in 13. Of the deaths, 2 were assigned to exhaustion from Maniacal Excitement, 1 to Cerebral Congestion with Paralysis, 1 to Chronic Gastritis, 1 to Disease of Heart, 1 to General Paralysis, and 1 to Phthisis. The years of admission in these cases were 1858 in 1, 1861 in 1, 1863 in 2, 1864 in 2, and 1865 in 1. The average age at death was nearly 57 years. The structural arrangements of the House have undergone no material modification since last visit, and the deficiency formerly commented on of adequate lavatory accommodation in the basement floor still exists. In papering and painting slow but steady progress continues to be made; but here, as well as in more important departments, the necessity of bearing in mind the financial position of the Institution supplies good grounds for proceeding cautiously. The most pressing want undoubtedly is that of a proper Laundry. Since last visit the old and inconvenient building has been destroyed by fire, and the present temporary arrangement can be regarded only as an expedient which should cease at the earliest possible opportunity. In the Airing Courts the condition of the privies still calls for attention. There are still some which are not supplied with water; and occasionally when water is laid on, it is not changed with sufficient frequency. The various houses were found in excellent order—clean,

and well ventilated. The bedding was generally in good condition, and the beds as a rule neatly and tidily made. Occasionally, however, especially in the basement floor of the main House, the making was confined to arranging the pillows and coverings, leaving the under bedding undisturbed. For wet patients straw bags are used, but it would be proper to change the straw and bag on every occasion when they have been wet, and not to be satisfied merely with drying them. Both Males and Females were neatly and comfortably clothed, and only one canvas dress was observed in use among the men. The sanitary condition of both sexes since last visit may be described as good. The mortality has been moderate, and the average age at death high. The numbers found in bed were 2 Males and 15 Females; but of the whole only 2 were in the Sick rooms. The remainder were suffering from debility or excitement, or were simply indisposed to rise. The numbers returned as secluded were 2 Females; and the entries of this nature in the Register since last visit are 13, relating to 8 patients. The period of seclusion rarely exceeded a day, and the cause of resorting to this mode of repression was in one case violence, and in the others Maniacal or Epileptic excitement. The Shower Bath was used as a means of discipline on five occasions; in two cases for attacks on patients, in one for destructiveness, in one for fighting, and in one for escape. Quilted bedcoverings are used by one Male and two Females.

Dinner was served during the visit. It consisted of broth and hash, oatcake and potatoes. The meal was well cooked and abundant, and comfortably served.*

In occupation and recreation some extension has taken place, but there is room for much farther development in this direction. The numbers industrially occupied are between 50 and 60 men and 60 and 70 women. Of the former about 40 are employed in the grounds. From the limited extent of the land in possession and the cultivated ground being chiefly garden, there is a difficulty in finding work on which the more demented patients can be advantageously employed, but there can be no obstacles of an insurmountable character to diminishing the numbers of both sexes habitually confined to the Airing Courts. These numbers are registered at about 100 Males and

* These remarks relate to the meal served to the lower class of patients.

160 Females. It is not meant that there are patients to this amount that are never beyond the Airing Courts, but that these are the average numbers thus restricted in their exercise. It is suggested that daily walking parties should be instituted in the general grounds, which should comprehend every patient not incapacitated by bodily infirmity, or engaged in active industrial employment. Walks and excursions beyond the Asylum bounds might also with great propriety be extended, and more opportunities be taken to keep up association with the outer world.

Of the whole community only 30 Males and 18 Females are deemed curable, so that a large share of the exertions of those directing the management of the Institution should tend towards alleviating the lot of the incurable; and this can most efficiently be done in the direction indicated. With increased exertions the numbers engaged in active amusements might also be greatly increased, and, there can be no doubt, with most beneficial results. The propriety of introducing more ornamentation, of furnishing the windows with vallances, of providing more objects of interest within doors, &c., is again adverted to.

Great tranquillity prevailed in every department, with the exception of one or two of the female wards, where the presence of the Commissioner gave rise to noisy demonstrations. The accommodation of the smaller houses partakes a good deal of the domestic character, which could be further increased by the removal of walls, more especially at the Gate and Barkmill Cottages. The extension of Clarkseat House shows that for certain patients no enclosures are necessary. Elmhill Asylum affords accommodation, which for comfort and cheerfulness can scarcely be surpassed. A billiard table has been placed in one of the rooms, and farther means of amusement will be provided as the number of patients increases. Only one patient is here restricted to the Airing Courts. The various registers were found carefully kept. Only one accident has taken place, a wound of scalp by an accidental fall. The materials for the Register of Attendants have been collected, but they have not yet been scheduled. About 500 visits to Female patients and about 300 to Males have been recorded. Fire-hoses have been provided for Elmhill.

TABLES.

TABLE I.

GENERAL RESULTS OF THE YEAR.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Patients in the Asylum, 1st January, 1865, .	167	196	363
Admitted during the year,	54	57	111
Under care and treatment during the year,	221	253	474
Removed during the year:—			
Recovered,	31	36	67
Relieved,	1	5	6
Unimproved,	8	8	16
Dead,	11	12	23
Out on Probation,	0	1	1
Remaining in the Asylum, 31st Dec., 1865, ..	170	192	362

TABLE II.

RELATIVE NUMBER OF PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL CASES.

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Private cases in Asylum,						
1st January, 1865, .	55	55	110			
Do. admitted during the						
year,	12	16	28			
Total of Private Cases during the year, .	67	71	138			
Parochial cases in Asy-						
lum, 1st Jan., 1865, .	112	141	253			
Do. admitted during the						
year,	42	41	83			
Total of Parochial cases during the year, .	154	182	336			
Total number of cases,	221	253	474			
Private cases removed						
during the year, . .	19	22	41			
Parochial cases, do. do.,	32	39	71			
Total number of cases removed during year,	51	61	112			
Private cases remaining						
1st January, 1866, .	48	49	97			
Parochial cases, do. do.,	122	143	265			
Total number of cases remaining, . . .	170	192	362			

TABLE III.

AGE OF PATIENTS ADMITTED.

				Males.		Females.		Total.
From 10 to 20,	...	...	...	3	—	2	—	5
„ 20 „ 30,	...	...	...	22	—	9	—	31
„ 30 „ 40,	...	...	...	11	—	12	—	23
„ 40 „ 50,	...	...	...	7	—	20	—	27
„ 50 „ 60,	...	...	...	5	—	8	—	13
„ 60 „ 70,	...	...	...	4	—	4	—	8
„ 70 „ 80,	...	...	...	2	—	1	—	3
„ 80 „ 90,	...	...	...	0	—	0	—	0
„ 90 upwards,	...	...	...	0	—	1	—	1
				54	—	57	—	111

TABLE IV.

CLASSIFICATION OF ADMISSIONS RELATIVE TO PLACES OF RESIDENCE.

				Males.		Females.		Total.
From Aberdeen and Suburbs,	...	...	...	27	—	35	—	62
„ Aberdeenshire,	...	...	...	23	—	20	—	43
„ more distant localities,	...	...	...	4	—	2	—	6
				54	—	57	—	111

TABLE V.

SOCIAL CONDITION OF PATIENTS ADMITTED.

				Males.		Females.		Total.
Single,	...	...	...	32	—	23	—	55
Married,	...	...	...	18	—	22	—	40
Widowed,	...	...	...	4	—	12	—	16
				54	—	57	—	111

TABLE VI.

COMPLICATION OF CASES ADMITTED WITH DISEASED IMPULSE.

				Males.		Females.		Total.
Suicidal impulse with Melancholia,	...			2	—	1	—	3
Suicidal impulse with Mania,	...	...		1	—	0	—	1
				3	—	1	—	4

TABLE VII.

OCCUPATION OR STATION IN LIFE OF PATIENTS ADMITTED.

MALES.

Architect,	1	Gardener,	1
Bakers,	2	Labourers,	7
Blacksmith,	1	Masons,	2
Boot-closer,	1	Military Officer,	1
Cabinet-maker,	1	Pensioners,	2
Carpenters,	3	Plough-wright,	1
Clerks,	4	Quarrier,	1
Comb-maker,	1	Sailors,	2
Crofter,	1	Salmon-fisher,	1
Divinity Students,	2	Saw-trimmer,	1
Farmer,	1	Schoolmaster,	1
Farm-servants,	3	Tailors,	2
Farmers' sons,	2	Weaver,	1
Fireman,	1	Wright,	1
Flax-dresser,	1	No occupation,	4
Gamekeeper,	1		

FEMALES.

Carpet Shoemaker,	1	Wife of Blacksmith,	1
Fish-hawker,	1	Wife of Dyker,	1
House-keepers,	2	Wife of Joiner,	1
Sempstresses,	2	Wife of Mason,	1
Servants,	7	Wife of Medical Practitioner,	1
Stay-maker,	1	Wife of Naval Officer,	1
Widow of Cabinet-maker,	1	Wife of Ship Captain,	1
Widow of Farmer,	1	Wives of Labourers,	5
Widow of Labourer,	1	No occupation,	28

TABLE VIII.

NATURE OF CAUSES ASSIGNED.

Cause assignable, in	about 45 per cent.
Hereditary predisposition, in	„ 19 „
Moral Cause, in	„ 5 „
Physical exciting Cause, in	„ 25 „
Previous attack, in	„ 24 „

TABLE IX.

FORM OF INSANITY IN CASES ADMITTED.

				Males.		Females.		Total.
Amentia,	...	...	...	1	—	1	—	2
Dementia,	...	...	...	18	—	13	—	31
Mania, ...	...	...	...	19	—	16	—	35
Melancholia,	...	...	...	9	—	21	—	30
Monomania,	...	...	...	7	—	6	—	13
				<hr/> 54		<hr/> 57		<hr/> 111

TABLE X.

COMPLICATION OF CASES ADMITTED WITH NERVOUS DISEASE.

				Males.		Females.		Total.
Epilepsy, with Amentia,	...			1	—	0	—	1
Epilepsy, with Dementia,	...			4	—	1	—	5
Epilepsy, with Mania,	...			1	—	0	—	1
Paralysis, with Dementia,	...			3	—	1	—	4
Paralysis, with Mania,	...			1	—	0	—	1
Paralysis, with Monomania,	...			1	—	0	—	1
				<hr/> 11		<hr/> 2		<hr/> 13

TABLE XI.

CAUSES ASSIGNED IN CASES ADMITTED.

				Males.		Females.		Total.
Cerebral Disease,	...	...		3	—	0	—	3
Childbirth,	...	...		0	—	2	—	2
Climacteric Change,	...	...		0	—	2	—	2
Death of Son,	...	...		0	—	1	—	1
Domestic Unhappiness,	...	...		1	—	0	—	1
Epilepsy,	...	...		6	—	1	—	7
Excitement at a Marriage,	...	...		1	—	0	—	1
Fever,	...	...		1	—	1	—	2
Fright,	...	...		0	—	1	—	1
Injury of Head,	...	...		5	—	0	—	5
Intemperance,	...	...		4	—	2	—	6
Nursing,	...	...		0	—	6	—	6
Old Age,	...	...		1	—	2	—	3
Pregnancy,	...	...		0	—	1	—	1
A Quarrel,	...	...		0	—	1	—	1
Smallpox	...	...		0	—	1	—	1
				<hr/> 22		<hr/> 21		<hr/> 43
Hereditary Predisposition, in				10	—	12	—	22
Previous Attack, in ...	...			10	—	13	—	23
No cause assigned, in	...			20	—	20	—	40

TABLE XII.

CASES DISCHARGED RECOVERED.

No.	Sex.	Form of Mental Disorder.	CAUSES OF DISORDER.	Residence.			
				Y.	M.	W.	D.
1	M.	Dementia,	.	0	3	1	0
2	M.	Dementia,	.	0	3	0	0
3	M.	Dementia,	.	0	2	1	4
4	F.	Dementia,	Fever,	0	11	0	4
5	F.	Dementia,	Devotional Excitement,	0	7	3	3
6	F.	Dementia,	Hereditary,	0	5	0	0
7	F.	Dementia,	Nursing,	0	4	2	2
8	F.	Dementia,	Injury of Head,	0	2	3	3
9	M.	Mania,	.	0	3	3	5
10	M.	Mania,	Revival Excitement,	1	10	1	0
11	M.	Mania,	.	0	5	2	1
12	M.	Mania,	.	0	3	1	2
13	M.	Mania,	Hereditary,	1	0	2	5
14	M.	Mania,	Hereditary,	3	7	1	1
15	M.	Mania,	.	0	10	1	1
16	M.	Mania,	Diphtheria,	1	6	2	1
17	M.	Mania,	.	3	2	2	0
18	M.	Mania,	Intemperance and Hereditary,	2	3	3	0
19	M.	Mania,	.	0	4	0	3
20	M.	Mania,	.	0	1	3	2
21	M.	Mania,	.	0	2	3	1
22	F.	Mania,	Childbirth,	0	1	1	2
23	F.	Mania,	Childbirth and Hereditary,	0	0	3	3
24	F.	Mania,	A Quarrel,	0	4	2	6
25	F.	Mania,	Hereditary,	0	10	1	1
26	F.	Mania,	.	0	1	2	3
27	F.	Mania,	Hereditary,	3	10	3	0
28	F.	Mania,	Childbirth,	0	4	3	2
29	F.	Mania,	Nursing,	0	2	2	2
30	F.	Mania,	.	0	10	2	5
31	F.	Mania,	.	0	2	0	4
32	F.	Mania,	.	0	11	3	3
33	F.	Mania,	.	1	1	1	1
34	F.	Mania,	Hereditary,	0	3	0	0
35	F.	Mania,	Climacteric Change,	0	1	2	3
36	F.	Mania,	Hereditary,	0	6	3	6
37	F.	Mania,	.	0	7	2	2
38	M.	Melancholia,	.	0	2	3	1
39	M.	Melancholia (Suicidal),	.	0	4	2	1
40	M.	Melancholia,	.	0	4	0	4
41	M.	Melancholia (Suicidal),	Death of Wife,	0	10	3	3
42	M.	Melancholia,	.	0	5	0	1
43	M.	Melancholia,	.	5	8	2	5
44	M.	Melancholia (Suicidal),	Intemperance,	0	5	1	4
45	F.	Melancholia (Suicidal),	Death of Son,	0	4	2	0
46	F.	Melancholia (Suicidal),	.	1	6	4	0
47	F.	Melancholia (Suicidal),	Climacteric Change,	3	4	1	0
48	F.	Melancholia (Suicidal),	.	3	8	3	1
49	F.	Melancholia,	Nursing,	0	2	4	0
50	F.	Melancholia,	Nursing,	0	3	0	2
51	F.	Melancholia,	.	0	3	3	0
52	F.	Melancholia,	.	0	5	1	6
53	F.	Melancholia,	Hereditary,	0	2	1	5
54	F.	Melancholia,	Fever,	0	2	0	1
55	F.	Melancholia,	Hereditary,	0	6	2	2
56	F.	Melancholia,	Small-pox,	0	1	1	5
57	M.	Monomania,	Hereditary,	0	6	0	0
58	M.	Monomania,	Death of Relatives,	0	4	3	6
59	M.	Monomania,	.	0	8	0	0
60	M.	Monomania,	.	0	3	0	2
61	M.	Monomania,	Intemperance, Hereditary,	0	2	0	4
62	M.	Monomania,	Domestic Unhappiness,	0	2	1	2
63	M.	Monomania,	Injury of Head,	0	3	2	4
64	M.	Monomania,	Hereditary,	0	3	1	1
65	F.	Monomania,	Childbirth,	0	10	3	0
66	F.	Monomania,	.	0	2	0	4
67	F.	Monomania,	.	4	5	2	4

TABLE XIII.—DEATHS.

No.	Sex.	Age.	Form of Mental Disorder.	Causes.		Duration of Residence.				Cause of Death.
						Y.	M.	W.	D.	
1	M.	22	Amentia, ...	Hereditary, ...	...	2	11	3	4	Asthenia.
2	M.	72	Dementia, ...	Old age, Hereditary, ...	...	0	3	0	6	General Paralysis.
3	M.	61	Dementia, ...	...	...	25	4	0	0	Disease of Heart.
4	M.	57	Do. (Paralysis),	...	...	0	9	3	5	General Paralysis.
5	M.	56	Dementia, ...	...	...	0	3	3	3	Chronic Disease of Bowels.
6	M.	39	Dementia, ...	Paralysis, ...	...	0	2	3	6	General Paralysis.
7	M.	38	Dementia, ...	Injury of Head—Hereditary,	...	0	1	2	5	Cerebral Disease.
8	F.	72	Dementia, ...	Old Age, ...	...	2	6	0	2	General Paralysis.
9	F.	58	Dementia, ...	...	...	1	8	3	4	Emphysema of Lungs.
10	F.	34	Do. (Paralysis),	Childbirth—Hereditary,	...	0	2	2	0	General Paralysis.
11	M.	67	Mania, ...	Intemperance—Fright,	...	6	11	2	4	Disease of Heart.
12	M.	65	Mania, ...	Intemperance—Hereditary,	...	4	4	0	0	Chronic Gastritis.
13	F.	76	Mania, ...	Hereditary, ...	...	16	7	0	1	Chronic Cerebral Disease.
14	F.	61	Mania, ...	...	...	1	9	2	2	Bronchitis.
15	F.	58	Mania, ...	Previous Attacks,	...	0	11	2	0	Disease of Lungs.
16	F.	49	Mania, ...	...	...	1	7	1	3	Exhaustion from Maniacal Excitement.
17	F.	30	Mania, [eidal),	Nursing, ...	...	0	0	1	0	Exhaustion from Maniacal Excitement.
18	M.	45	Melancholia (Sui-	...	...	0	1	1	3	Cerebral Disease.
19	F.	57	Melancholia,	Poverty—Previous Attacks,	...	1	1	1	0	Phthisis.
20	F.	45	Melancholia,	Climacteric Change, ...	...	0	3	4	0	Phthisis.
21	F.	34	Do. (Suicidal),	Parturition, ...	...	6	8	3	3	Phthisis.
22	F.	33	Melancholia,	Hereditary, ...	...	1	11	1	3	Phthisis.
23	M.	60	Monomania,	Injury of Head,	...	2	5	0	1	General Paralysis.

TABLE XIV.

RESULTS, AT PRESENT DATE, OF ADMISSIONS OF LAST 66 YEARS.

Year.	Admitted.	Recovered.	Relieved, &c.	Dead.	Remaining 31st Dec. 1865.
1800-24	563	443		118	2
1825	52	23	19	9	1
1826	41	22	11	8	0
1827	36	15	13	7	1
1828	32	16	9	5	2
1829	46	16	18	12	0
1830	58	30	11	17	0
1831	33	13	7	12	1
1832	33	15	6	11	1
1833	42	19	14	9	0
1834	50	19	23	6	2
1835	42	22	8	10	2
1836	41	17	12	10	2
1837	43	17	12	14	0
1838	53	23	10	18	2
1839	74	32	18	19	5
1840	48	25	11	8	4
1841	56	21	16	16	3
1842	51	19	17	11	4
1843	71	35	19	15	2
1844	74	30	25	15	4
1845	93	45	24	19	5
1846	67	26	23	12	6
1847	95	43	25	21	6
1848	83	41	23	15	4
1849	81	36	23	15	7
1850	69	34	15	16	4
1851	85	37	25	15	8
1852	95	48	28	12	7
1853	107	48	26	26	7
1854	65	27	17	12	9
1855	61	34	12	6	9
1856	103	58	17	16	12
1857	84	32	20	19	13
1858	102	40	19	20	23
1859	84	30	19	15	20
1860	78	43	15	10	10
1861	104	52	22	12	18
1862	88	46	15	10	17
1863	128	56	23	17	32
1864	116	47	21	9	39
1865	111	33	4	6	68
	3438	2423		653	362

TABLE XV.

GENERAL RESULTS OF THE LAST 36 YEARS.

Year.	Mean number Resi- dent.	Admitted.	Recovered.	Dead.	Recovered per cent. to Ad- missions.	Recovered per cent. to mean No. Resident.	Deaths per cent. to Ad- missions.	Deaths per cent. to mean No. Resident.
1830	102	59	27	8	45.77	26.57	13.56	7.84
1831	100	33	14	12	42.42	14.00	36.36	12.00
1832	106	33	15	10	45.45	14.15	30.30	9.43
1833	107	42	23	14	54.76	21.51	33.33	13.08
1834	114	50	16	6	32.00	14.91	12.00	5.26
1835	116	42	20	11	47.61	18.10	26.19	9.48
1836	109	41	24	5	58.53	22.02	12.19	4.59
1837	113	43	16	8	39.53	14.16	18.60	7.08
1838	124	53	20	14	37.73	16.13	26.41	11.29
1839	140	74	26	10	35.13	18.57	13.51	7.14
1840	144	48	25	19	52.08	17.36	39.58	13.19
1841	150	56	22	10	39.29	14.66	17.86	6.67
1842	152	51	26	11	50.98	17.10	21.57	7.24
1843	167	71	28	12	39.44	17.18	16.90	7.19
1844	183	74	30	7	40.54	16.39	9.46	3.83
1845	200	93	41	13	44.09	20.05	13.98	6.50
1846	213	67	29	12	43.28	13.14	17.91	5.63
1847	222	95	40	23	42.10	18.02	24.21	10.36
1848	229	82	47	17	57.31	20.52	20.73	7.42
1849	229	83	36	16	43.36	15.70	19.27	6.98
1850	230	69	32	17	46.37	13.91	24.91	7.39
1851	245	85	32	20	37.64	13.06	23.53	8.16
1852	263	95	42	18	44.21	15.97	18.94	6.84
1853	280	107	54	21	50.46	19.28	17.75	7.50
1854	281	65	39	19	60.00	13.87	29.23	6.75
1855	274	61	31	9	50.82	11.31	14.75	3.29
1856	291	103	44	20	42.72	15.12	19.41	6.87
1857	299	84	50	21	59.52	16.79	25.00	7.02
1858	295	102	39	15	38.23	13.22	14.70	5.08
1859	307	84	42	9	50.00	13.59	10.71	2.93
1860	308	72	32	22	41.02	10.39	28.29	7.14
1861	318	104	48	19	46.15	15.09	18.27	5.97
1862	323	88	48	20	54.54	14.86	22.74	6.19
1863	340	128	55	22	42.96	16.17	17.18	6.47
1864	346	116	50	25	43.96	14.45	21.55	7.22
1865	362	111	67	23	60.36	18.51	20.72	6.35
Sum and Average of 36 Years.	7782 216.16	2670 74.6	1230 34.16	538 14.94				
					46.06	15.80	20.14	6.91

TABLE XVI.

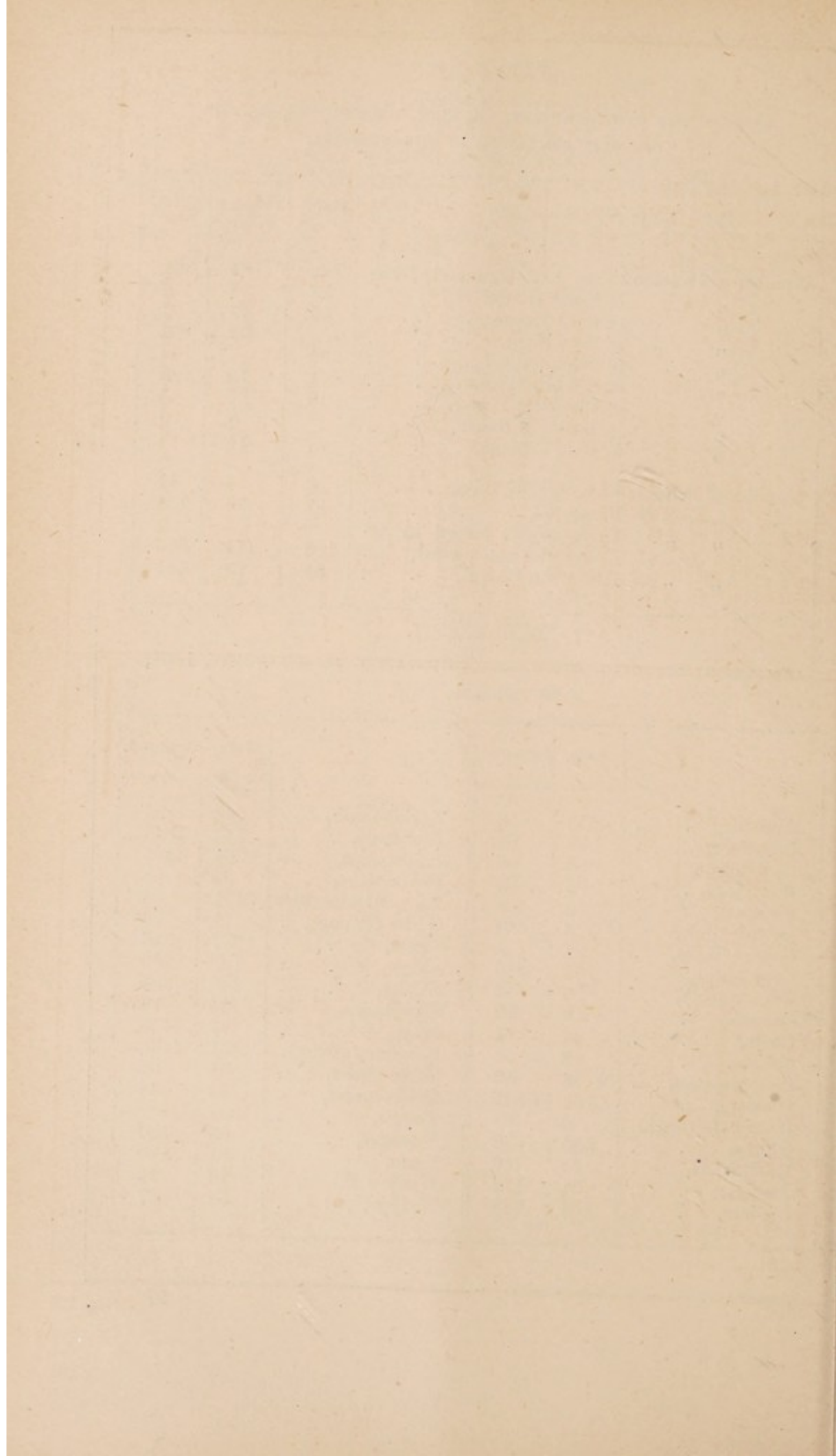
ABSTRACT OF DAILY RETURNS, SHOWING DISTRIBUTION, &C., OF
PATIENTS REMAINING IN THE HOSPITAL.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of Patients in the Asylum, Jan. 1, 1866,	169	192	361
" in Front House, . . .	25	20	45
" in Back House, . . .	53	43	96
" in East Wing, . . .	...	93	93
" in West Wing, . . .	62	...	62
" in Elmhill House, . . .	11	14	25
" in Clarkseat House, . . .	18	...	18
" in Barkmill House, . . .	...	8	8
" in Gate Cottage, . . .	...	14	14
Number of Patients Sick, Jan. 1, 1866,	6	5	11
" usually Employed, . . .	58	76	134
" " Unemployed, except in ex- ercise or amusement, . . .	105	111	216
" " Attending Chapel, . . .	88	93	181

TABLE XVII.

ARTICLES OF CLOTHING, &C. MADE AND REPAIRED FROM JANUARY, 1865,
TO JANUARY, 1866.

	Made.	Repaired.		Made.	Repaired.
Aprons, . . .	442	412	Neckerchiefs, . . .	247	95
Bed Covers, . . .	28	63	Petticoats, . . .	744	1245
Bed Gowns, . . .	88	96	Pillow-slips, . . .	268	365
Bed Ticks, . . .	96	92	Pillow-ticks, . . .	94	93
Blankets, . . .	156	133	Pock. Handkerchfs. . .	171	34
Bolster Slips, . . .	166	284	Quilts (strong), . . .	11	26
Bolster Ticks, . . .	95	126	Shifts, . . .	587	596
Caps (day), . . .	159	240	Shirts, . . .	128	283
Caps (night), . . .	196	186	Sheets, . . .	340	395
Carpets, . . .	3	13	Slip Bodies, . . .	64	74
Coats, . . .	43	361	Stays, . . .	27	25
Collars, . . .	62	52	Stockings (pairs), . . .	451	4376
Counterpanes, . . .	36	53	Table-cloths, . . .	54	38
Drawers, . . .	162	642	Table-covers, . . .	24	44
Dresses (strong), . . .	8	33	Towels, . . .	232	87
Gowns, . . .	395	476	Trousers, . . .	69	460
Habitshirts, . . .	22	56	Vests, . . .	57	280
Jackets, . . .	31	172	Window Blinds, . . .	16	11
Linders, . . .	538	748	Wrappers, . . .	54	37



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