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FOR

1867.

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Annual General Meeting,.....2nd Tuesday of June.

Monthly Meeting,1st Tuesday of Each Month.

AT TWELVE O'CLOCK NOON.

House Committee of Asylum.

MESSRS DAVID WALKER.

- " JOHN GUTHRIE.
- " FRANCIS B. PATON.
- , ROBERT HECTOR.
- .. ARCHIBALD FOOTE.

MR WALKER, Convener.

List of Asylum Officers.

GEORGE C. CHALMERS, BANKER,

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Secretary.

BALANCE ACCOUNT

OF THE

MONTROSE ROYAL LUNATIC ASYLUM.

D_{18} .				
Starte in Parish Chamb	10	0		
Seats in Parish Church £29 Outstanding Boards 222	5	0 3		
011 1 9 200	15	7		
New Asylum, Sunnyside 2,390	15	0		
Do Furniture Account 2,567	15	0		
Carriages and Horses 60	0	0		
Superintendent's House 1,218	19	0		
The Brechin Gas Company 160	0	0		
Household Expenses for Stock on hand 503	5	4		
Clothiag Do 401	14	1		
Farm Account for Stock 359	8	5		
Balance of Cash 10	2	6		-
Address of the state of the sta		—£35,785	10	2
Crs.				
G. 1. D. 1 H. 11	^			
Sundry Bond Holders £13,000	0	0		
The National Bank of Scotland 6,329	0	0		
Patients' Work and Recreation Fund 220 Stock 15 604	7	4		
Stock		10		
Sinking Fund	-	£35,785	10	9
		200,100	10	
ASYLUM.				
REVENUE		£9,203	12	3
EXPENDITURE		9,045	9	3
				_
Balance, Surplus		£158	3	0

REPORT OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE OF THE ASYLUM.

The number of patients now in the Asylum is 360; while the number at the corresponding period of last year was 396—thus making a decrease on the year of 36. Of the patients of last year, 359 were lodged in the New Asylum, and 37 in the Old. The decrease is accounted for by the withdrawal of the Fife and Kinross patients to the newly-erected District Asylum in the former county. On this withdrawal taking place the whole of the remaining patients were accommodated at Sunnyside, and the Old Asylum was finally closed in the early part of July last. Since then no material alteration has taken place in the number of patients under treatment, and it will probably remain pretty stationary for the future. The Asylum may be considered full, and on this account a number of acute cases offered from

the West of Scotland some months ago had to be refused.

In December last the Committee was authorised by the Board to give notice to the District Lunacy Boards, with whom agreements have been entered into, that an extra rate of board would be charged for the patients of parishes keeping a portion of their lunatics in other Asylums, or in the Lunacy Wards of Poorhouses. The object of this notice was to guard against the influx into the Asylum of a disproportionate number of violent, and therefore an expensive class of patients at the present agreed on rate of charge, which was fixed as an average one for tractable and violent patients overhead, and would therefore be wholly inadequate for the latter class alone. The principle now proposed to be established is already acted on by the Gartnavel, or Glasgow Public Asylum, and also (your Committee understand) by some of the new District Asylums-at the former, the extra charge made is 2s 3d per week, or £5 17s per annum; and the latter make, or propose to make, an extra charge of £5 per annum. When the notice referred to was given, the rate of extra charge to be made was not fixed on; and the Committee are now prepared to recommend that it should be at the rate of £4 per annum. This rate would by no means cover the cost of keeping violent patients on their first admission, but having regard to the probable average stay of such patients in the Asylum, and to the gradual calming influence exercised over them by its discipline, the Committee hope it will eventually prove sufficient.

The whole expenditure on capital account for the year has been £9. The property has been kept up, and is in good order. Improvements have continued to be made by the patients in the grounds and

on the farm as in previous years. The establishment had been supplied with milk, to the extent of 10,475 gallons, from its own cows.

The Montrose Harbour Commissioners having obtained a Parliamentary right to acquire the Old Asylum within two years from the beginning of last June, nothing has yet been done towards the realizing of that property. In the meantime, the House has been rented out for dwelling-houses to a number of tenants at a gross yearly rental of £116.

The Committee have during the year continued their weekly visits to the Asylum, and they are happy to be again able to express their approval of the management of the establishment, and of the conduct of the staff and officers generally. The Asylum has been twice officially inspected during the year by members of the General Lunacy Board, and the following short extracts from their reports will no doubt be satisfactory to the Managers: -Sir James Coxe reports on the 13th December last-"The condition and management of the Asylum continue to merit the commendations bestowed on them in former reports." "Every disposition is shewn to give effect to the suggestions made for improving the establishment. The efforts of the Directors in this direction, are, however, controlled by the condition of the finances, and when it is borne in mind that a considerable deduction must be made from the payment of pauper patients, which for those of the district is £22 per annum, to meet the charge for interest, it will be seen how well and economically the affairs of the Asylum are managed. Indeed, it is a question whether the present rate is sufficient to keep the establishment in a thoroughly effective condition. In the Perth and Inverness districts, where the Asylums have been built and furnished by assessment, and no deduction for interest falls to be made from the payment of patients, the rates have been fixed at £25." "It is hardly necessary to add that the condition of the Asylum is extremely creditable to all concerned in its management." Dr Browne, reports on the 9th April last-"This establishment was found in excellent order." "The accommodation for the more affluent classes is most satisfactory."

With reference to the remark of Sir James Coxe as to the rate of board charged for parochial patients, the Committee beg to add that, in addition to the charge for interest, "Public" Asylums require to provide a yearly surplus for a sufficient Sinking Fund, to meet deterioration on property. "District" Asylums require no such provision, as when their buildings become dilapidated, recourse will again be had to assessment. The surplus shewn on the accounts of the Asylum for the last two years averages 1 per cent. per annum.

The Committee beg to return their grateful acknowledgments to those parties who have kindly given lectures and concerts in the Asylum during the year, and to the benevolent ladies and others who contributed to the Amusement Fund, or shewn other acts of kindness

to the patients.

DAVID WALKER, CONVENER.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1866-67.

Closing of Old Asylum.

THE Old Asylum was finally closed in July last, and the entire establishment concentrated at Sunnyside. It was the first public hospital erected in Scotland for the treatment of the insane, and has served that purpose during 85 years.

Number of Inmates.

The number of inmates on 31st May was 359, and the House may be considered quite full, according to present arrangements.

Table I.—Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the year 1866-67.

						Males.	Females.	Total
In Asylum at 31	st May,	1866				185	207	392
On trial						2	2	4
Admitted for the	first tir	ne du	ring the	vear		41	32	73
Re-admitted dur						5	11	16
Total treated du Discharged and						233	252	485
-			Males. F	emales.	Total.			
Recovered			22	16	38			
Improved			10	5	15			
Uncured			20	21	41			
Died			14	18	32			
			-	-	-	66	60	126
Total remaining	on 31st	May	1867			167	192	359

The daily average during the year was 359.8; the highest monthly average was in August, 373.9; the lowest in December, 356.

Table II.—Showing Daily Average Number Resident for each Month and for the Year.

			Males.	Females.	Total:
June,	1866		187.866	 172.066	 359.932
July,	,,		187.354	 177.290	 364.644
August,	"		179.806	 193.096	 373.902
September	,,		168.336	 189.566	 357.932
October,	,,		171.219	 188.548	 359.767
November,	,,		176.633	 187.233	 363.866
December,	,,		172.322	 183.774	 356.096
January,	1867		173.322	 183.709	 357.031
February,	"		171.785	 186.321	 358.106
March,	12		167.838	 189.677	 357.515
April,	11		167.533	 188.666	 356.199
May,	"		164.129	 189.548	 353.677
For the	whole	Year.	174.014	 185.791	 359.805

Table III.—Shewing Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths, from 31st May, 1857, to 1st June, 1867.

						Males.	Females.	Total.
Persons resident at	31st 1	Iay,	1857			107	144	251
Persons since admit	ted for	r the	first ti	ime		582	740	1322
Persons since re-ad	mitted					56	93	149
Total cases tre	ated d	uring	the te	en years		745	977	1722
Discharged or Rem	ained-	-						
			Males.	Females.				
Recovered			211	301	512			
Relieved			54	83	137			
Not Improved			124	167	291			
Died			184	234	418			
Escaped			5	0	5			
				-		578	785	1363
						167	192	359

Of those admitted, 51 were unmarried, 29 married, and 9 widowed.

Table IV.—Shewing Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths, with the mean Annual Mortality and proportion of Recoveries per cent. of the Admissions, for each year since the opening of the Asylum.

7				-				-	-1-			_	-	-	
re of	t.	Total	9	12.1	8.6	10.6	12.8	13.5	10.4	9.4	7.9	9.3	80.00	1	163.5
Per centage of Jeaths on aver-	age number Resident.	Female	9	8.1	9.1	11.4	13.4	11.9	9.9	9.3	6.4	11.5	9.7	1	103.5
Per centage of Deaths on aver-	age	Male.	9	17.1	8.3	9.5	11.6	16.1	11.1	9.3	6.6	6.7	7.0	1	107.8
-	of.	Total	39.5	48.9	30.6	32.7	32.4	28.2	8 22 8	33.8	47.7	38.0	42.6		107.8 1
Per centage of Recoveries	on Admissions.	Lemale.	(8)	56.6	32.7	29.4	29.8	31.5	44.3	38.8	46.3	36.6	29.5	1	0.3
Per e	Admi	Male	(a)	37.1 5	6	10	36.4	1-	64	26.8 3	0	30.0	œ	1	.4 383.
				-	2 27	0 36.		1 27.	9 27.		7 59.	-	9 47	1	8 351.4
Average number	snt.	.IntoT	9	238	252	330	414	201	529	532	457	396	828	-	4008
age I	Resident.	Female.	9	139	144	184	233	302	313	302	266	217	185		2285
Ave		Male.	9	799	108	146	181	199	216	230	191	179	174	1	1723
		Total.	250	237	271	873	484	526	522	489	421	396	360	-	4279
Romoining		Female.	143	137	151	206	255	315	297	282	241	500	192	1	2528
Bon		Male.	107	100	120	167	179	211	222	202	180	187	168	1	1851
	-	Total.		-	-	-	-		64					T	10
bed;	Esca	Female.	1		Stell .		311							I	0
		Male.			-	-	-		C1						10
		Total.	467	30	22	355	53	89	355	20	98	37	35	-	882
Died		Female.	3	13	13	21	32	36	31	28	17	25	18		234
		Male.	(8)	17	6	14	21	650	24	55	19	12	14		184
	improved	Total.	506	28	6	10	13	6	139	99	62	36	41	-	495
	impr	Female.	(E)	16	00	4	60	20	11	30	41	58	21	-	167
D.	Not	Male.	(E)	112	-	9 9	10	-	8	34	21	00	20	-	124
RGE	ved.	Total.	(2)	(e)	4	20	22	20	1 24	21	3 19	-1	15	-	137
DISCHARGED.	Relieved.	Female.	9	(9)	C1	1	10 12	8 12	7 17	9 12	6 13	1 6	0 0	1	4 83
SIC		Male.	(2)	9			1	-					10		54
I	ed.	Total	647	43	29	7.4	70	75	56	53	43	31	38	-	1159
	Recovered.	Female.	(E)	98	18	. 25	39	52	355	500	26	15	16	1	301
	Re	Male	(e)	13	Ξ	39	31	65	21	18	17	16	67		211
-	'nar	Total.	1636	88	98	226	219	266	156	157	96	822	88		3105
d'out to	Admined	Female.	(a)	553	55	611	134	165	7.9	90	54	41	455	51	833
-	4	Male.	3	355	43	107	35	101	77	67	36.	41	46	44	638
	Year.		1781 to 1857	1857-58	1858-59	1859-60	1860.61	1861-62	1862-63	1863-64	1864-65	1865-66	1866-67	1487-68 44	TOTAL

(a) Sexes not distinguished during the first 76 years.
 (b) Previous to 1860-61 those discharged Relieved are included with the Not Improved, being registered as Uncured.
 (c) Average number Resident not ascertained previous to 1857-58.

Table V.—Shewing the History of the Annual Admissions since 1st June, 1857, with the Discharges and Deaths, and the numbers of each year remaining on 31st May, 1867.

l of each year's	Dead.	P. T. M.F.T. M. F. T.			5. 7 12	8 6 14	19 12 31	1 10 21	19 40	16 34	18 27	19 27	17 36	88 20	132 270
l of each year's	Dead. Esca	T. M.F.T. M.				00		-		16	18	139	17	23	132
l of each year's	Dead. Esca	T. M.F. T.			7.0		13	-							
l of each year's	Dead.	T. MF.				-		11	21	18	9	00	19	20	138
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ed of each year's		-	1			-	-	н		01					100
ed of each year's		P4	-	00	31	34	99	59	69	30	33	16	1-	4	326
ed of each year			1	00	21	19	31	35.	35	13	18	97	(4	C1 4	191
ed of each		M.	1	0	2]	15	139	24	24	17	15	9	00	61	135
ed of	7	H	1	7	00	00	33	48	99	27	40	84	00	0.1	244
	Not Improved.	<u>a-i</u>	1	0	00	9	19	31	2	12	83	412	00	- 4	243
	Im	M.	1	7	9	C1	14	17	16	15	18	00	2	1	101
ed and Diec	d.	H.			10	9	22	18	27	83	14	65	1-	-	138
arged	Relieved.	E.	1		10	63	11	6	21	13	1	cat	02	0	17
)isch.	Re	M.	1		200	100	=	6	9	6	-1	٦.	4	-	991
Total Discharged and Admiss	ed.	H.			27	35	88	22	06	41	43	31	24	21	473
To	Recovered.	E.			17	21	46	43	99	25	8	18	14	4	276
	Rec	M.			21	H	43	53	22	16	18	13	10	16	197
_		H			1	0	-	01	64	0	4	-	00	4	50
l, and	Dead.	F.				0	0	C4	0	-	64	2	64	61	15
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Of each year's Admissions, Died in 1866	vere	F.							-	0	-	н	00	20	16
of e	Recovered.	M. 1	1						-	П	0	H	4	16	22
		Total. 1			88	88	526	219	266	156	157	06	82	8	1471
	sed s.	F. T			00	12	-	13	11	9	12	12	11	11	93
ted.	Relapsed Cases.	M.			00	-1	01	4	=	1-	12	00	00	2	99
Admitted.		F. N			90	45	118	121	154	73	78	4	88	32	740 5
Y	New Cases.	M. I		170	32	36	105 11	81 12	90 17	02	99	653	88	41 8	582 74
	-	-	18 V		-				-		-		-	7	
	Year.		Previous to 31 May	1001	1857-58	1858-59	1859-60	1860-61	1861-62	1862-63	1863-64	1864-65	1865-66	1866-67	TOTAL

SUMMARI OF IOTAL	AL AD	MISSION	VE-1857	7-67.		Male.	remale.	Total,
Per centage of Recoveries,		1			:	30.87	33.13	32.15
" Kelleved,	:		:		:	8,77	8.88	8.83
", Not improved					:	16.83	17.16	16.58
" Dead,		:	:		:	21.50	22.9	22.1
. , Escaped,		:		:	:	0.78	0.0	0.78
", Kemaining,	:			:	:	21.62	15.24	18.3

Admissions.

The admissions were 89, being seven more than last year. Of these, 46 were men, and 43 women. Fourteen patients were refused admission for want of accommodation; and a proposal to receive all the acute cases belonging to the Parish of Greenock was also declined for the same reason.

Table VI.—Shewing the Condition as to Marriage.

			Males.	Females.	Total.
I. Single	 	 	27	 24	 51
II. Married	 	 	16	 13	 29
III. Widowed	 	 	3	 6	 9
			_		_
			46	43	89

Forty-seven were considered at the time of admission to be curable, and sixty-two incurable.

Table VII.—Shewing the Numbers Curable and Incurable of Patients Admitted.

Curable Incurable	 	 Male 24 22	 Female 23 20	 Total 47 62
		-	_	_
		46	43	89

Four were under 23 years of age, 38 between 20 and 40, and 14 between 60 and 80.

One of the young patients was a boy of 14, from Caithness. During the night he was wakened from his sleep by a thunder storm, and so terrified, that he became suddenly maniacal. He was a healthy lad, and quite recovered after three months residence in the Asylum.

Bodily Health of those Admitted.

The state of bodily health in those admitted was good in 36, indifferent in 33, and bad in 20. Two laboured under paralysis, 1 under epilepsy, 2 had pneumonia, 11 consumption, 1 bronchitis, 5 heart disease, 2 Bright's disease of the kidney, and 2 were blind and deaf.

Table VIII.—Shewing the Bodily Condition and Diseases of those Admitted.

			Males.	Females.	Total
Good		 	 19	 17	 36
Indifferent,		 	 20	 13	 33
Bad,		 	 7	 13	 20
			_	-	_
,			46	43	89
DISEA	SES.				
Paralytic,		 	 2	 0	 2
Paralysis Agita	ns,	 	 0	 2	 2
Epilepsy,		 	 1	 0	 2
Pneumonia,		 	 1	 1	 2
Phthisis,		 	 2	 4	 6
Bronchitis,		 	 0	 1	 1
Cardiac Diseas	e,	 	 1	 4	 5
Ascites,		 	 0	 1	 1
Albuminuria,		 	 2	 0	 2
Deaf and Blind	١,	 	 1	 1	 2 2
			-	_	_
			10	14	2

The small number of paralytics and epileptics admitted is remarkable, as also is the frequency of consumption. The loss of sight, hearing, and reason, is fortunately a rare combination of afflictions. In the two instances referred to, the intellect has been mercifully so far blunted as to render the sufferers almost unconscious of their miserable condition.

Counties whence Patients were Admitted.

Forty-seven of the patients are from the County of Forfar, 12 from Kincardine, 12 from Caithness, and 18 from other counties.

Table IX.—Shewing the Counties whence Patients have come.

			Males.	Females.	Total.
Aberdeen	 	 	0	 3	 3
Caithness	 	 	5	 7	 12
Clackmannan	 	 	0	 1	 1
Edinburgh	 	 	. 5	 0	 5
Fife	 	 	1	 0	 1
Forfar	 	 	24	 23	 47
Haddington	 	 	0	 1	 1
Kincardine	 	 	6	 6	 12
Lanark	 	 	2	 0	 2
Shetland	 	 	1	 1	 2
Stirling	 	 	2	 1	 3
				-	_
			46	43	89

Proportion of those Admitted already Discharged.

Of the 89 admitted in the year, 21 (or nearly one-half of the curable cases) have already been discharged recovered, 1 as relieved, 2 as not improved, 4 have died, and 61 remain under treatment.

Recoveries.

The total number of recoveries during the year was 38, being in the proportion of 42.5 to every hundred admitted. Of these, 4 were less than a month in the Asylum, 17 from two to six months, 9 from six to twelve months, 7 from one to four years, and one recovered after a residence of six years.

Table X.—Shewing the Period of Residence of those Recovered and Dead.

				ECOVE	RED.		4.	DEAD.	-
			M.	F.	Total.		M.	F.	Tota
Under 4 weeks			2	2	4		1	0	1
" 2 months			6	0	6		0	2	2
,, 4 ,,			5	3	8		0	.0	0
,, 4 ,, ,, 5 ,,			1	0	1		0	0	0
. 6 .,			1	1	2		0	0	0
,, 7 ,,			2	1	3		0	0	0
,, 7 ,, 8 ,,			1	1	2		0	0	0
,, 9 ,,			0	1	1		1	. 0	1
19			1	2	3		0	1	1
9 70070			2	2	4		1	4	5
2			0	2	2		3	4	7
1			1	0	1		3	0	3
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,, 8 ,,	* ***	•••	0	0	0		1	0	1.
,, 9 ,,			0	0	0	•••	0	0	0
,, 10 ,,			0	0	0		0	3	3
,, 14 ,,			0	0	0		0	1	1
			-	-	-		-	-	-
			22	16	38		14	18	32

Cases Improved.

Besides those completely restored to reason, 15 were discharged so far improved as to afford hope that they would either ultimately recover or continue in such a state as to render residence in the Asylum unnecessary.

Transfers.

Of the 41 who are discharged as not improved, 40 were patients transferred to the new Asylums of the districts to which they belonged.

Deaths.

The deaths were 32 in number, being in the proportion of 8.8 per cent. of the average daily number of inmates and of 6.9 per cent. of the total number treated. Ten of those who died were between twenty and forty years of age; 13 between 40 and 60; and 9 between 60 and 80.

Table XI.—Shewing the Ages of those Admitted and Dead.

					ADMITTED	DEAD.			
				Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 2	0 years			2	2	4	 0	0	0
From 20	to 30	years		8	4	12	 0	2	2
	to 40	,,		16	10	26	 4	4	8
	to 50	11		7	11	18	 1	4	5
	to 60	31		8	7	15	 4	4	8
	to 70	,,		2	7	9	 5	3	8
	to 80	. ,,		3	2	5	 0	1	1
				46	43	89	14	18	32

Three died within two months of their admission, 7 had been from 9 months to 2 years in the house, and 22 between 2 and 14 years. It may be remarked that the proportion of deaths among the chronic cases has been unusually large this year, and that among recent cases unusually small.

Causes of Death.

The causes of death are shewn in Table XIII., and may

be summarised as follow:—Diseases of the brain, 9; diseases of the lungs, 13; diseases of the abdominal viscera, 7; influenza, 1; general decay, 1; poisoning by Laburnam seeds, 1.

Table XII.—Shewing the Causes of Death during the Year.

		Males.		Females.		Total.
Cerebral and Spinal Disease,—						
Apoplexy,		2		1		3
Apoplexy (due to Concussion),		0		1		1
Paralysis,		0		1		1
General Paralysis,		3		. 0		3
Epileptoid attack in Cerebral Dis	sease.	. 0		1		1
Thoracic Disease,—			100		10000	
Phthisis,		1		7		8
Pneumonia,		3		0		3
Pleurisy,		2		ő		3 2
Abdominal Disease,—		-		0		-
Ulceration of the Gall Bladder,		0		1		1
		0		1	•••	1
Hepatic Disease,	T:1.	- 0		1		1
Bright's Disease and Abscess of				1		1
Disease of Abdominal Viscera, co	-	19 19		-09		
cated by Diarrhea,		0	•••	1		1
Cancer of Prostate Gland, Liver,	& Lu	ng,1		0		1
Dropsy,		1		1		2
Other Diseases,—						
General Decay,		0		1		1
Poisoning by Laburnam Seeds,	1	1		0		1
Influenza,		0		1		1
						_
		14		18		32
Post Mortem examinati	ons m	ade in	30 ca			-

Poisoning by Laburnam Seeds.

The only case of death requiring special notice is that from Laburnam seeds. The man, a chronic maniac, while walking in the grounds, had gathered and ate a quantity of the ripe seeds of the Laburnam tree, under the notion that it would remove some trivial uneasiness in his stomach. Three hours afterwards he was seized with violent retching and purging. These symptoms were succeeded by drowsiness and great depression of the heart's action. The poison was evidently absorbed into the circulation, and efforts were made to counteract its narcotic effects. These efforts appeared likely to be successful; but next day he became suddenly worse, and died perfectly conscious, from paralysis of the heart, twenty-four hours after eating Several cases of Laburnam poisoning are on record; but there is some uncertainty as to the exact conditions in which the seeds are poisonous. I have been told by several persons that they have repeatedly ate the seeds with perfect impunity, and a patient, now recovered, whose word I have no reason to doubt, assured me that

during his illness he often ate quantities in the green state, while walking in the grounds, without feeling any inconvenience. It is not unlikely that the poison only becomes developed when the seed is fully ripened.

When the garden and pleasure grounds were laid out, care was taken to exclude poisonous plants, but the Laburnam tree was overlooked. Since the occasion of the accident, however, it was deemed

advisable to remove all the plants.

Mortality in Asylums.

The mortality in this Asylum has been considerably lower during the last three years than it was during the previous three, owing no doubt to the admission being fewer. For the three last years it was on the average population 7.9, 9, and 8.8 per cent., while in the three former years it was 10, 13, and 12 per cent.

Analysis of Deaths during the last two years.

I have made an analysis of the death register for the last two years, with the view of ascertaining the class of patients who are most prone to die. During the period referred to, 26 men and 43 women have died. When these persons were admitted, 9 of them were entered as being in good bodily condition, 2 as indifferent, 17 as bad, 18 as paralytic or epileptic, 2 as labouring under phthisis, 6 as otherwise seriously diseased, and in 15 the state of physical health on admission was not known.

Table XIII.—Shewing State of Bodily Condition and State of Health on Admission of those who died from 1st June, 1865, to 31st May, 1867, inclusive.

			Men.		Women.	Bot	h Sexes
Good,		 	 5		4		9
Indifferent,	***	 	 0	***	2		2
Bad,		 	 5		12		17
Paralytic or E	pileptic,	 	 10		8		18
Phthisical,		 	 1		1		2
Otherwise dis	eased,	 	 2		4		6
Uncertain,		 	 3		12		15
			-		-		
	Total,	 	 -26		43		69

Of these persons 25 died from paralysis, apoplexy, or epilepsy, 13 from phthisis, 10 from pneumonia or pleurisy, 4 from dysentery or diarrhœa, and 17 from other diseases.

Table XIV.—Shewing Causes of Deaths during two years.

		Men.	Women.	Be	oth Sexe
Paralysis, Apoplexy, Epilepsy,	&c.,	 11	 14		25
Phthisis,		 3	 10		13
Pneumonia and Pleurisy,		 7	 3		10
Dysentery and Diarrhoea,		 0	 4		4
Other Diseases,		 5	 12		17
		-	-		-
Total,		 26	 43		69

Phthisis as a Cause of Death.

It will be seen that while only two of those who died were ascertained to be affected with phthisis when admitted, 13 of them died from it. Making allowance for incipient symptoms being occasionally undetected, there can be no doubt that the disease has in most of the remaining 11 begun during their residence in the Asylum. The intimate relation of consumption and insanity is well known. Dr Clouston in a paper on "Tuberculosis and Insanity," states that during four years, 1859-63, 26.7 per cent. of the deaths in Scotch Asylums resulted from phthisis and other lung diseases, and again that of 463 bodies of insane persons examined after death in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, tubercular deposit was found in 282, or 61 per cent. The mortality from this disease is very much the same, and in some instances much greater, in English, American, French, and other Continental Asylums, + and it will always hold a prominent place in the death list. Still there can be no doubt that many of the deaths from phthisis, as well as from dysentery and diarrhea, are producible, in so much as they are generated by cold, mal-nutrition, or some other unfavourable hygienic condition. Looking over the inmates of an Asylum, the experienced eye can easily detect those who are likely to die from phthisis. The motionless, helpless dements who have not sense or instinct left to guard themselves against cold, to satisfy the cravings of hunger, or to answer the common calls of nature, are those who generally succumb to this disease. The most careful nursing will fail to protect these persons always from the exciting causes of consumption, and their treatment is rendered more unsatisfactory because the disease often runs its rapid course without presenting any of the symptoms we find among the sane.

Small Proportion of Working Patients Die.

On looking over the history of the patients who have died within the last two years, I have been particularly struck with the remarkable

*Journal of Mental Science, April, 1863 †In seven American Asylums, 27 per cent. of the deaths are stated to result from Phthisis; and in the Salpetrière, 50 per cent.—Op. cit., p. 38. disproportion between the workers and non-workers. Classifying the patients thus—1st, regular workers; 2d, occasional workers; 3d, non-workers, or those who from physical or other causes were incapable of employment during the whole period of residence in the Asylum, I find that out of the whole inmates, 254 belong to first and second classes, and 105 to the third; whereas among those who died during the last two years only 7 were regular workers, 11 occasional workers, and 51 non-workers. In other words—while 72 per cent. of the inmates are more or less industrious, and 27 per cent. non-industrious—74 per cent. of those who died belonged to the latter class, and only 26 per cent. to the former.

Table XV.—Shewing the Industrial Habits of those who died between 31st May, 1865, and 1st June, 1867.

			Men.		Women.	Total
Regular Workers,			4		3	 7
Occasional Workers,			6		5	 11
Those who never worked,			16		35	 51
			-		_	-
Total,			26		43	69
Per centage o	f idler	s amon	g thos	e who	died.	
Men,				er cent.		
Women,				er cent,		
Both Sex			-	er cent.		

Again, on looking to the cause of death among the industrial patients, we find that, with few exceptions, they belong to the non-preventable class of diseases. Thus, of the regular workers, 1 died from general paralysis, 1 from apoplexy, 1 from cancer, 1 from ulceration of the gall bladder, 1 from poison, and 2 from phthisis; and among the irregular workers, 2 died from general paralysis, 1 from ordinary paralysis, 2 from apoplexy, 1 from organic disease of the liver, 1 from ulceration of the stomach, 1 from Bright's disease of the kidney, 2 from phthisis, and 1 from pleurisy.

These facts, I think, tend to shew that manual labour is beneficial, in a hygienic point of view, to the insane, and that it is not in the industrious class that we are to look for the causes of the high mortality.

Weight of Patients on Admission and after Residence in Asylum.

During the last two years, with few exceptions, the patients have been weighed on admission and again on their discharge, and those who remained on 31st May were again weighed. I have drawn out a table shewing the form of insanity, physical condition and weight in lbs. of those admitted, the duration of residence in Asylum, and the gain or loss of weight on discharge, or on 31st May, 1867.

Table XVI.—Shewing the Weight of Patients on Admission and on Discharge, or on 31st May, 1867.

	on Discharge	MAL		, 10011	-	
			(C)			
Form of Insanity.	Physical Disease on	Weight in lbs. or on	Weight on Discharge. or on 31st May, 1867.	Period of Residence in	Gain	Loss
Form of Hisamity.	Admission,	Admisn.	sch on vy,	Asylum.	Weight.	Weight.
			No DW			
Mania	None	124 lbs	126 lbs.	21 months.	2 lbs.	
Melancholia	Ch. Bronchitis	119	137	20	18	-
Mon. of Suspen.	None	119	133	17	14	-
Mania Dementia	Uncertain None	117	138 129	8	21	2 lbs.
Dementia	None	119	123	17	4	2 108.
Suicidal Mania	Cut Throat	117	140	13	23	-
Dementia	Phthisis?	154	167	13	13	-
Mania	Heart Disease & Ch. Bronch.	147	167	13	20	-
Mon. of Suspen.	Heart Disease	122	117	13		5
Mania	None	115	136	12	21	
Mon. of Suspen.	Phthisis	161	133	12	-	28*
Mania	None	146	157	5	11	,-
Melancholia Melancholia	None Ch. Bronchitis	158 103	154 125	11	22	4
Mon. of Fear	None None	114	119	7	5	
Mania	Uncertain	133	154	8	21	-
Delirium Trmns.	Albiminuria	123	125	2	2	-
Mania Dementia	None None	81 135	93	5	12 26	=
Dementia	None	111	109	9	20	2
Dementia	None	160	172	9	12	-
Mania	None	123	158	9	35	-
Melancholia Senile Dementia	None	125 124	139	9	14	=
Mon. of Pride	None None	175	144 166	7	20	9
Delir. Tremens	None	146	159	1	13	_
Mania	None	104	115	7	11	-
Mon. of Suspen.	None	123	131	7	8	=
Mania Dementia	None None	123 153	126 160	6 5	3	=
Mania	None	130	153	5	23	_
Mania	None	164	163	5	_	1
Cong. Imbecile	None	178	176	5	-	2
Hypochondriasis Dementia	None Paralysis	132	136	5	17	
Del. Tremens	None	156	164	2 weeks.	8	
Dementia	Paralysis and	110	160	4 months.	43	
	Heart Disease		100000000000000000000000000000000000000		10	
Mon. of Suspen	None Heart Disease	109	108	3		1
Melancholia	& Albiminuria	127	145	3	18	-
Chronic Mania	Phthisis	148	158	2	10	-
Dementia	None	149	151	2	2	-
Mania Dementia	Phthisis Epilepsy	112	130	1	18 3	_
Cong. Imbecile	None	116	131	1	9	
Dementia	None	135	136	î	1	_
Melancholia	Heart Disease	146	140	3 weeks.	-	6
Cong. Imbecility	None	95	92	3	=	3
Dementia	Paralysis	151	151	2		
Tota	ıl	6453 lbs.	6904 lbs.		514 lbs.	63 lbs.
Average Weight on a	dmission, 131.6 lb	s.; average	Weight on	Discharge, or o	n 31st May.	140.8 lbs.
Total de la contra con e	10110 10	,		- manual de la company	- Lawy	22010 1000

	F	E M A	LES.			
Form of Isanity.	Physical Disease on Admission.	Weight on Admissn.	Weight on Discharge, or on 31st May.	Residence in Asylum.	Gain.	Loss.
Ep. Mania	Albuminuria?	106 lbs.	112 lbs.	24 months.	6 lbs.	_
Dementia	Epilepsy	96	117	24	21	
	Phthisis?					
Cong.Imbecility	None	134	135	21	1	
Melancholia	None	120	114	19		6 lbs.
Mania	None	96	111	17	15	-
Melancholia	None	99	110	17 17	11	
Mania	None	101	98		21	
Mania Latt Mania	Phthiscal	87		4 "	11	_
Intt. Mania Ch. Mania	None None	156 105	156 115	15 14	10	
Mania Mania	None	136	404	4.4	10	5 lbs.
Idiocy	None	90	87	14		3
Mania	None	100	128	11	28	0
Monomania	HeartAffected	154	142	11	20	12
Mania	None	155	153	10	_	2
Con. Imbecile	Asthma	80	88	9	8	
Mon. Suspica.	None	82	87	9	5	_
Mon. Suspicn.	None	112	119	9	7	_
Ch. Mania	None	84	100	9	16	-
Mania	None	98	115	9	17	_
Dementia	None	77	91	9	14	_
Mania	None	120	131	9	11	-
Mania	None	105	135	9	30	_
Mon. of Suspn.	None	104	115	7	11	-
Mania	None	110	122	6	12	-
Melancholia	Refuses food	105	91	6	-	14
Dementia	Phthisis and	108	122	6	14	-
	Albuminuria		1			_
Mon. Suspen.	None	105	115	3	10	- 150
Mon. Suspen.	Ch. Bronchitis	128	129	3	1	1
Mania	Heart Disease	124	136	2	12	158
Mania	None	124	109	2	1	15*
Mania	None	90	91	1 200	1	-
Mania Melancholia	None None	124	119	2	0	5
Melancholia	Heart Disease	103	122	1 4	8	
Dementia	Refuses food	112	120	-	8	1
Melancholia	Phthisis?	98	97	3 weeks.	-	1
Mania	None	109	113	2	4	_ · · · ·
Manie	2.0110					
Tor	'AL	4156 lbs.	4012 lbs.	1	324 lbs.	63 lbs.
Average Weight o	n Admission, 109 l	bs.; averag	ge Weight	on Discharge, or	on 31st Ma	y, 116 lbs.

From this it will be observed that of the 88 weighed, 21 had lost weight, 2 remained stationary, and 65 had gained; the total loss of weight was 126 lbs. avord. among 21 persons, or an average of 6.3 lbs. per individual; the total gain was 738 lbs. among 65 persons, or an average of 11.3 lbs. per individual. In some cases the gain is

^{*} After an attack of acute Dysentery.

remarkable—a woman has gained 30 lbs. in eleven months, a man 35 lbs. in nine months, another 43 lbs. in fourth months; a man gained 8 lbs. in a fortnight, another 13 lbs. in a month. In the cases where the patients have lost weight to an appreciable extent, refusal of food, or the existence or late existence of serious disease, explains the circumstance. Thus, of those refusing food—one man loses 9, another 28, and a woman 14 lbs.; a woman with heart disease loses 12 lbs. in eleven months, and a woman 15 lbs. after a severe attack of dysentery. From these facts it may be concluded that the patients admitted are generally below the standard as to weight, and that on the diet of the Asylum and general treatment they rapidly increase in weight. It is worthy of note that the gain is much greater among the patients on the lowest scale of diet, or rather on the scale where oatmeal and milk form the most important items, and that the chief losses are among the private patients who consume a much larger proportion of animal food.

Occurrence of Sickness.

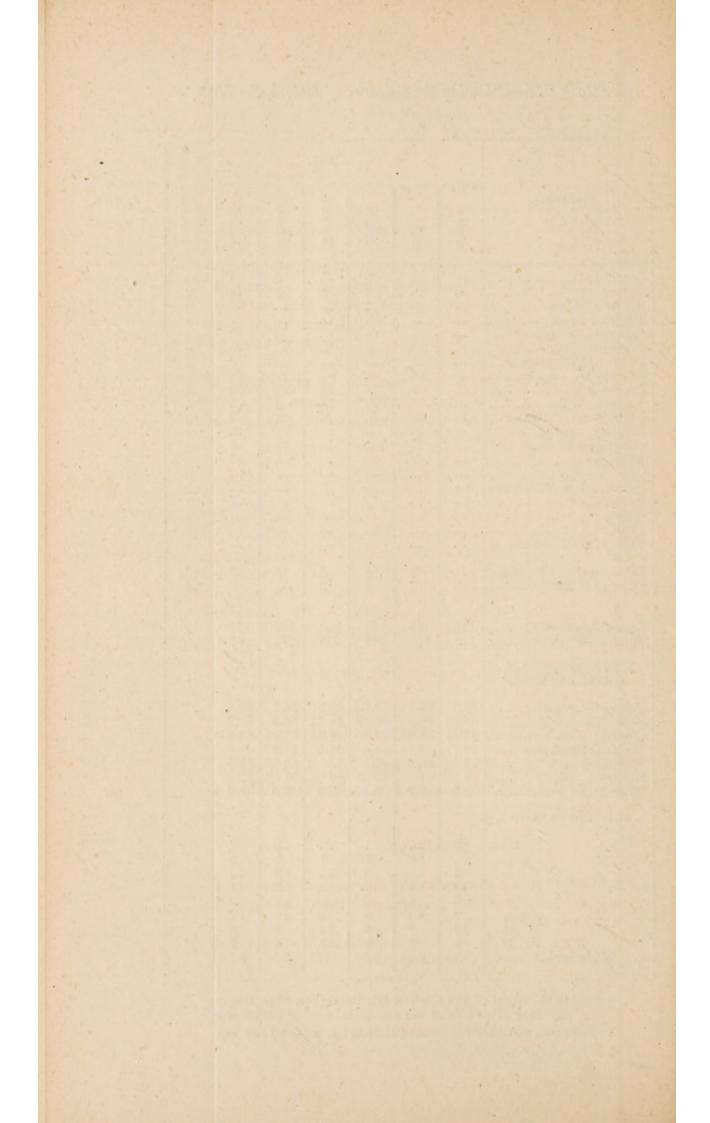
The occurrence of deaths is not always a true index of the unhealthiness of the weather. The deaths in one month may be the result of the unhealthiness of the previous one; and it is only by noting the seizure of illness that we can get a proper idea of the healthiness or unhealthiness of any particular period.

Medico-Meteorological Register.

From a register kept during the two past years I have drawn out Table XVII., showing the seizures of illness and the meteorological conditions of each month, from 1st June, 1865, till 31st May, 1867, inclusive. During that period the three most unhealthy months were March, 1866, and March and May, 1867, and the prevailing distemper was diarrhea and dysentery. When these diseases have become epidemic with us it has been when the temperature has fallen, instead of risen, with the advance of the season. Thus the mean temperature of December, 1865, was 41.5, of January, 1866, 39, in February it fell to 31. In the beginning of March diarrhoea appeared, and in that month the mean temperature was 37 and the minimum 20 deg., two lower than in January, and nine lower than in December. In the following winter January was the coldest month; the mean temperature was 32 deg., the maximum 48 deg., and the minimum 15 deg., and on 11 days the wind was from the north; but the only cases of illness registered are one carbuncle, one of pneumonia, two of phthisis, and two of paralysis. February, 1867, was an unusually fine month, mean temperature, 40.8, and the wind 21 days in south or westerly directions. In March the wind was from the north or east points on 23 days, the mean temperature fell to 36, and an epidemic of diarrhœa broke out in the female department. Some fresh

Table XVII.—Shewing the Seizures of Illness, the Number of Epileptics attacked by Fits, and the Number of Epileptic Fits in each Month, from 1st June, 1865, till 31st May, 1867, with the Meteorological Observations.

1000				1865.	19.5	1000						-	18	66.								1867.	10		2 years
DISEASES,	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	Fotal attacks Diseases in 2 y
Diarrhœa Dysentery British Cholera Typhoid Fever Influenza Rheumatism Boils or Carbuncles Bronchitis Pneumonia Asthma Phthisis Pleurisy Congestion of Brain Apoplexy Paralysis Inflammation of Stomach Bright's Disease Iritis Erysipelas Ulcer of Gall Bladder Total cases of illness Number of deaths		2 	2 1 1 	2 	4 1 	1	1 1 1 		1	8	4 	1 1 1 	3 	3 1 		1	2 1 2 1 	1 			1	6 1 1 1 2 	5	10 2 1 1 4	53 7 2 1 4 2 4 7 4 4 15 11 4 6 1 1 1 1 1
Epileptics attacked Epileptic Fits		115 146	141 242	153 296	162 374	161 377	122 356	151 409	129 371	156 872	136 345	146 321	153 342	132 274	127 258	135 308	113 212	109 229	150 314	162 318	124 263	128 260	121 262	135 284	
Mean of Barometer	30.35 29.65 54.7 76 40	29.7 30.2 29.43 56.9 75.5 41 4.0	29.6 30.02 29.3 54.5 67.5 40 2.0	30.0 30.32 29.45 54.5 73 40 3.0	28.0 30.2 28.75 44.9 60 31 3.0	29.6 30.2 28.8 40.9 52.5 27 1.0	29.8 30.55 28.7 41.5 53.5 31.5 1.0	30.5 30.2 28.45 39.2 51.5 22.5 1.1	29.3 30.13 28.9 31.3 50 20 1.0	29.5 30.2 28.75 37.2 57 20 ‡	29.7 30.45 29.23 42.3 58 31 ‡	29.8 30.4 29.39 45.6 63 27.5 ‡	29.7 30.1 29.35 54.2 69 33 3.4	29.8 80.1 29.05 55.5 76.5 41.5 4.2	29.5 29.92 28.9 54 68.5 43 3.3	29 29.95 28.95 49.7 61 33 3.0	29.9 30.35 29.29 47.4 62 31.5 1.8	29.5 29.85 29.1 40.3 57 28.5 1.8	29.4 30.15 29.1 38.8 54 28 1.6	29.5 30.0 28.73 32.1 48 4	29.5 30.3 28.5 40.8 55 23.5 1.5	29.6 30.55 29.05 36.3 53 22.5	29.4 29.95 28.8 44.9 59.5 34 2.5	29.79 30.1 29.4 43.9 65.5 84 1.8	
DIRECTION OF WIND. NE. E. S.E. S.W. W. N. W. Rainfall in inches	2 10 3 2 10 1 .38	4 8 4 10 1 4 4.44	1 7 8 1 4 8 5 2 3.96	1 12 14 3 .42	8 5 2 8 2 2 4 3.50	4 3 1 5 2 8 7 3.78	1 4 2 11 10 3 1.45	 1 15 10 5 1.68	3 6 1 1 10 2 5 1.90	2 7 4 1 5 1 9 2 2.24	2 8 4 5 1 4 4 2 1.19	7 2 10 2 5 4 1 1.22	1 2 6 7 2 1 9 2 1.32	3 6 11 10 1 2.37	2 5 4 4 2 4 8 2 2.05	3 3 2 3 1 6 10 2 3.01	3 2 8.0 2 3.0 6 7.0 5 2.94	4 2 1 2 14 7 2.24	3 5 14 8 2.31	11 8 1 4 3 4 1.584	2 2 3 1 16 2 2 1.66	4 10 5 4 1 2 2 3 2.33	1 1 6 1 6 6 9 2.69	2 8 12 5 1 2 1 3.36	
* During the night that they ares † The mean month! # Hygrometer broke	e from y diffe	some a	ecciden	tal food	or rat	ner wat	ter pois	ere seiz oning.	ed with	h colic	and pu	rging;	all rec	overed	within	a few l	hours.	The s	imilarit	ty of th	ne cases	lead i	to the	suspici	on



cases appeared in the beginning of April, but after the 6th it was a healthy month, the temperature rising to 49, and the wind blowing on 22 days from south and westerly points. In May the temperature fell again to 44 deg., the wind was 27 days from north or easterly points, and an epidemic of diarrhea broke out in the male department.

The healthiest months were June, July, December, 1865, January, February, August, September, November, December, 1866, and January, 1867; and all of these months except the last are conspicuous by a seasonable or high temperature, and a small proportion of north and east winds. It is somewhat curious that in March when diarrhea was so prevalent in the female department there was none in the male department, and in May when it appeared among the men there was none among the women.

It will no doubt require observations to be made over a longer period before any reliable conclusions can be made, but at present it would seem that in this Asylum north and east wind and unseasonable

cold are the great enemies to health.

General Treatment.

The treatment and general routine of the establishment have been much the same as in former years. Almost all patients physically capable have been industriously employed, and none confined to the airing court in good weather who could take more extended exercise. It has not been found necessary to use mechanical restraint or seclusion in any instance. 240 patients join regularly in Divine service, and 230 in the social amusements held during the week.

Patients Boarded with Servants on Farm.

During the last three years nineteen patients have been boarded with the servants on the farm. They were either convalescents or quiet chronic cases.

Of the 19, ten were ultimately discharged recovered, five were brought back to the Asylum, having been found unsuitable, and four

still remain boarded:

Conclusion.

I have to express my thanks to the officers and servants for their co-operation, and to the House Committee for their support in the management of the Institution.

JAMES C. HOWDEN.

LOWEST SCALE OF DIETARY.

BREAKFAST.

Males. 2 Pints Porridge and 1 pint Sweet Milk, or

,, Coffee and 8 ounces Bread and Butter.

Females. 11 ,, Porridge and 1 pint Sweet Milk, or

3 ,, Coffee and 6 oz. Bread and Butter.

DINNER.

SUNDAY .- Broth, Bread, and 4 oz. Cooked Meat, without bone.

MONDAY .- Rice and Milk and Bread, or Broth.

TUESDAY. - Broth, Potatoes or Vegetables, and 4 ounces Cooked Meat.

WEDNESDAY .- Broth and Bread.

THURSDAY.—Broth, Potatoes or Vegetables, and 4 ounces Cooked Meat.

FRIDAY.—Broth, Bread, and 4 ounces Fish.

SATURDAY. - Pea Soup and Bread.

SUPPER.

Males. 2 Pints Porridge and 1 pint Sweet Milk, or

3 ,, Tea, and 8 oz. Bread and Butter.

Females. $\frac{3}{4}$,, Tea, and 6 oz. Bread and Butter.

Working Patients get 3 oz. Bread, 1 oz. Cheese, and ½ pint of Beer at 11 a.m., for Lunch.

8 ounces Oatmeal for Males, and 6 oz. for Females for Porridge.

2 ,, Barley for each Patient, for Broth.

3 ,, Rice, for Rice and Milk, for each Patient.

4 ,, Split Peas, for Pea Soup, do.

1 ,, Sugar, for Tea or Coffee, do.

 $\frac{1}{3}$,, Butter, do. do. do.

, Coffee for each Patient.

1 ,, Tea, do.

Overhead Flour Bread used for dinner—Males 8 oz., and Females 6 oz. When Potatoes for dinner, 1 lb. allowed for each Patient.

When Vegetables, Males get 6 oz. Bread and Females 4 oz.