

**The fifteenth annual report of the Brighton County Borough Asylum, Haywards Heath : being the 60th annual report since the opening of the asylum, for the year 1918.**

**Contributors**

Brighton County Borough Asylum.  
Colbourne, James.  
Planck, C.  
Purvey, George.  
Thomas, H.  
Shadwell, L. L.

**Publication/Creation**

[Haywards Heath] : [Printed by Charles Clarke], [1919]

**Persistent URL**

<https://wellcomecollection.org/works/qwurbx4u>

**License and attribution**

Conditions of use: it is possible this item is protected by copyright and/or related rights. You are free to use this item in any way that is permitted by the copyright and related rights legislation that applies to your use. For other uses you need to obtain permission from the rights-holder(s).



Wellcome Collection  
183 Euston Road  
London NW1 2BE UK  
T +44 (0)20 7611 8722  
E [library@wellcomecollection.org](mailto:library@wellcomecollection.org)  
<https://wellcomecollection.org>



**THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE

**Brighton County Borough Asylum,**

HAYWARDS HEATH,

Being the 60th Annual Report since the  
Opening of the Asylum,

**FOR THE YEAR 1918.**

WELLCOME INSTITUTE LIBRARY	
Coll.	via McCrone
Call No.	Ann - Rep WLM 28 - BE 5 B 85 1918



22502660670



THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
BRIGHTON  
COUNTY BOROUGH ASYLUM,  
HAYWARDS HEATH,  
BEING THE 60TH ANNUAL REPORT  
SINCE THE  
OPENING OF THE ASYLUM,  
FOR THE YEAR 1918.

---

HAYWARDS HEATH:  
PRINTED BY CHARLES CLARKE (HAYWARDS HEATH) LTD.

—  
1919.

LIST OF MEMBERS  
OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE

LIST OF THE OFFICERS.

---

*Medical Superintendent*—C. Planck, Esq., M.A. (Camb:), M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P.

*First Assistant Medical Officer*—G. H. Harper-Smith, Esq., M.A., M.D. (Camb:), M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. (on active service).

*Second Assistant Medical Officer*—H. J. Forster, Esq., L.R.C.P. (Irel:), Lic. Med. and Surg. and L.S.A. (Lond.)

*Consulting Surgeon*—R. F. Jowers, Esq., F.R.C.S.

*Chaplain*—Vacant.

*Clerk of the Asylum*—Mr. G. Purvey.

*Assistant Clerk*—Mr. E. C. Thompson

*Storekeeper*—Mr. E. E. Doughty.

*Farm Bailiff*—Mr. M. Waterer.

*Housekeeper*—Miss M. Darbyshire.

*Head Attendant*—Vacant. (Male Department).

*Matron*—Miss J. Goodwin.

*Assistant Matron*—Miss M. Hunter.

*Treasurer*—B. Y. Bevan, Esq.

*Clerk to the Visitors*—Hugo Talbot, Esq

31st March, 1919.

# Brighton County Borough Asylum,

HAYWARDS HEATH.

---

## FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE

*(Pursuant to Section 190 of the Lunacy Act, 1890),*

BEING THE SIXTIETH ANNUAL REPORT SINCE THE  
FOUNDATION OF THE INSTITUTION.

---

*To the Council of the County Borough of Brighton.*

THE VISITING COMMITTEE beg to submit their  
Report for the past year.

The number of Patients on the books on the 30th  
September last, and on the corresponding date of the  
preceding year, was as follows:—

	1918	1917
Males . . . . .	399	365
Females . . . . .	628	491
	—	—
	1027	856
	—	—

The numbers are divided as follows:—

From Brighton Union . . . .	480
From the part of Steyning Union within the County Borough . . . . .	77
From the West Sussex Asylum	62
From Eastbourne Union . . . .	109
From Portsmouth Borough Asylum . . . . .	197
From Napsbury Asylum . . . .	17
Out County . . . . .	15
Private . . . . .	55
Service . . . . .	15

In addition to the above there are 13 children placed under contract at Hellingly Asylum and five children placed under contract at the Surrey County Asylum at Netherne.

The large increase in the number of Patients is due to the fact that 70 Male and 137 Female Patients were received from the Portsmouth Borough Asylum under an arrangement with the War Office whereby that Asylum was vacated for the accommodation of sick and wounded American soldiers.

The general health of the Patients and Staff has, on the whole, been satisfactory.

The Committee regret to record the death in November last of the Rev. E. R. D. Litle, M.A., who had acted as Chaplain of the Asylum for 25 years. The Committee thought it inadvisable to fill the vacancy permanently during the war, and the duties are being satisfactorily performed by an Acting Chaplain.

The Weekly Maintenance Rate in respect of the four quarters of 1918 was fixed by the Committee as follows :—

	1918	1917
March Quarter . . . . .	18/6	15/6
June „ . . . . .	18/6	16/6
September „ . . . . .	20/0	17/6
December „ . . . . .	20/0	18/6

It will be seen that on account of the high cost of provisions, labour, &c., the Maintenance Rate has still further increased and now stands at 20s. per week.

The Patients have been visited and the Wards inspected at each monthly meeting by the Members of the Committee.

The Farm, Finance and Stores Sub-Committees have reported on the various matters under their supervision at each meeting of the Visiting Committee.

The principal repairs put in hand during the past year, all of which were of an urgent nature, include the replacing of the hot water system in the Male Block at a cost of £608; renewals and repairs to pipes of Heating System to Female Block, at a cost of £200; renewal of the hot air apparatus of the Laundry Drying Closets, at a cost of £118, and the supply of a new heating apparatus for the Chapel at the price of £117 10s.

During the year deputations from Boards of Guardians visited the Patients in the Asylum chargeable to their several Unions and in all cases left favourable reports.

A Commissioner from the Board of Control visited the Asylum on the 17th instant and left a satisfactory report.

The Children boarded out at Hellingly and Netherne Asylums respectively were visited by two Members of the Visiting Committee, who found them well cared for at each Asylum.

On the 23rd May last the Committee reported to the Council with a synopsis of the Accounts for the year ended 31st March last, and these Accounts have been published in the Committee's Blue Book.

The following are the payments which have been made out of the Building and Repairs Fund since the date of the last Report, after allowing for contributions amounting to £38 6s. 10d., received in respect of superannuations, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
Ordinary Repairs and Insurance,	2273	6	11
Superannuations . . . . .	95	2	0

Following the practice of the past few years the Committee have abstained from making precepts upon the Borough Treasurer in respect of the cost of ordinary repairs, insurance and superannuation allowances at the Asylum, with the result that the Borough Rate has been relieved during the year to the extent of £2,368 8s. 11d.

This, with the corresponding saving for previous years since 1911, has resulted in a total saving to the Borough Rate of £14,472 os. 7d.

No pensions have been granted during the year.

The Committee have pleasure in recording their satisfaction with the manner in which Dr. Planck and the whole of his Staff have carried on the work of the Asylum under the difficult conditions prevailing.

The Committee also desire to thank the Town Clerk (Mr. Hugo Talbot) for the care and attention bestowed by him on the work of the Committee during the past year.

On behalf of the Visiting Committee.

(Signed) JAMES COLBOURNE,

*Chairman.*

The Asylum,  
Haywards Heath.  
*26th October, 1918.*

*ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st March, 1919,  
Asylum, situate at Haywards Heath, and belonging wholly*

**PART I.—MAIN—**

RECEIPTS.			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Net Balance in hand brought forward from Abstract for the previous year...			...	...	...	...	...	...	3660	6	5
Sums received on Account of Pauper Patients:—											
1. From Guardians of Poor Law Unions within the Borough—											
NAMES OF UNIONS.	For Maintenance at 18/6 to 20/- per head per week.		Funeral and other purposes.								
	£	s.	d.	£							
Brighton ... ..	24161	4	9	100	0	0	24261	4	9		
Steyning ... ..	4009	15	9	13	10	0	4023	5	9		
	28171	0	6	113	10	0			28284	10	6
From Guardians of other Poor Law Unions—											
NAMES OF UNIONS.	For Maintenance at 18/6 to 20/- per head per week.		Funeral and other purposes.								
	£	s.	d.	£							
Cuckfield ... ..	101	13	11								
Lambeth ... ..	50	16	11								
Wandsworth ... ..	56	0	6								
Meriden ... ..	50	16	11								
Southwark ... ..	26	3	4								
Poplar ... ..	50	16	11								
Islington ... ..	37	17	7								
Tonbridge ... ..	3	3	5								
Lewisham ... ..	50	16	11								
Elham ... ..	50	16	11								
Mile End ... ..	50	16	11								
Bethnal Green ... ..	10	16	6	1	10	0					
East Preston ... ..	106	8	10								
Hailsham ... ..	2	14	4								
Croydon ... ..	6	14	4								
Canterbury ... ..	15	13	7								
Dover ... ..	22	13	7								
Steyning ... ..	6	14	3								
Brentford ... ..	54	19	4								
Romford ... ..	9	5	3								
	766	0	3	1	10	0			767	10	3
2. From Council of Brighton County Borough—											
From the Treasurer of the Borough for Patients adjudged chargeable thereto at 18/6 to 20/- per head, per week ... ..			...	...	...	...	...	...	448	11	4
From the Treasurer of the Borough under Section 269 (9) of the Lunacy Act, 1890, in respect of accommodation at other Asylums ... ..			...	...	...	...	...	...	222	17	7
Carried forward ... ..			...	...	...	...	...	...	29723	9	8
									3660	6	5

*of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Visiting Committee of the Lunatic  
to the Council of the County Borough of Brighton.*

**TENANCE ACCOUNT.**

EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Salaries, Wages, and Uniforms of Officers and Attendants:			
Salaries and Wages (exclusive of sums paid for Labour chargeable in the Farming and Gardening Account, or in the Building and Repairs Fund Account)—			
Officers ... ..	2772 5 6		
Servants ... ..	8298 15 11		
Superannuation Allowances and Contributions returned under Section 10 (1) of the Asylum Officers' Superannuation Act, 1909 ... ..	303 18 10		
War Allowances ... ..	991 15 10		
		12366 16 1	
Uniforms ... ..	...	619 5 11	
Provisions, Malt Liquor, Wines and Spirits:—			
Provisions ... ..	16550 3 7		
Malt Liquor, Wines and Spirits (not included in ordinary diet) ... ..	48 6 0		
		16598 9 7	
Farm and Garden Expenses:—			
Cash Payments included on Page 15 ... ..	...	5913 14 10	
Clothing for Patients ... ..	...	2400 13 5	
Furniture and Bedding ... ..	...	2470 16 11	
Fuel, Lighting, Washing and other Necessaries ... ..	...	7699 9 6	
Expenses attending the Removal, Discharge and Burial of Patients ... ..	...	210 1 10	
Carried forward ... ..	...	48279 8 1	...

## PART I.—MAINTENANCE

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward							29723	9	8	3660	6	5
3. From the Treasurers of other Asylums for Patients received under Contract or arrangement.												
NAMES OF ASYLUMS.	Rate per Week.	Main-tenance.	Funerals.									
Portsmouth	18/6 to 20/-	7265 0 0	13 15 0	7278	15	0						
Eastbourne	23/6 to 27/-	8496 8 0	35 15 0	8532	3	0						
West Sussex	18/6 to 20/-	2981 12 4	19 5 0	3000	17	4						
Napsbury	18/6 to 20/-	767 13 5	8 5 0	775	18	5						
		19510	13 9	77	0	0	19587	13	9			
Sums received on Account of Private Patients :—												
For Maintenance at 18/6 to 42/- per head per week				4546	19	7						
For Expenses attending the Removal, Discharge or Burial of Patients				42	13	9						
Sums received on Account of Criminal Patients :—							4589	13	4			
From Moneys voted by Parliament												
Cash Receipts on Farming and Gardening Account (see Page 14)							2209	13	3			
Receipts from Local Authorities not included above :—												
Names of Local Authorities.		Purposes.										
East Sussex County Council		Pensions		94	3	6						
Whittingham Asylum		"		6	3	1						
Oxford Asylum		"		5	8	7				105	15	2
Other Receipts, viz. :—												
Receipts from Sale of Kitchen Stuff, Old Stores, and Sundries from Asylum				613	9	11						
Rents				12	1	6						
Fines				19	9	0						
Bankers' Interest				42	10	2						
Repayments by Officers under Section 10 (3) of the Asylums Officers' Superannuation Act, 1909				23	2	9						
War Office, Additional Equipment, <i>re</i> Portsmouth Patients				2109	0	3	2819	13	7			
Total Receipts										59035	18	9
Total of Receipts and Balance										62696	5	2

## PART II.—BUILDINGS AND

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Net Balance in hand brought forward from Abstract for the previous year							545	18	8		
Other Receipts, specifying them :—											
Refund on Work, <i>re</i> Airing Courts	9	0	0								
Bankers' Interest	13	19	2								
Sale of Timber	361	11	1				384	10	3		
Transfers from the Maintenance Account, viz. :—											
(a) Excess of Weekly Charge on "Out-Borough" Pauper Patients	1887	7	3								
(b) Excess of Weekly Charge on Private Patients	963	9	4				2850	16	7		
Receipts from Local Authorities not included above :—											
Names of Local Authorities.		Purposes.									
East Sussex County Council		Pensions					37	16	8		
Total Receipts and Transfers									3273	3	6
Total of Receipts, Transfers and Balances									3819	2	2

## ACCOUNT—continued.

EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward ... ..	...	48279 8 1	
Transfers to the Building and Repairs Fund Account, viz.:			
(a) Excess of Weekly Charge on "Out-Borough" Pauper Patients ... ..	1887 7 3		
(b) Excess of Weekly Charge on Private Patients... ..	963 9 4		
		2850 16 7	
Payments to Treasurers of other Asylums for Patients received under Contract:—			
East Sussex County Asylum ... ..	894 0 11		
Surrey County Asylum (Netherne) ... ..	165 17 6		
		1059 18 5	
Other Payments, specifying them:—			
Surgery and Dispensary ... ..	482 12 11		
Rates, &c. ... ..	1320 9 9		
Stationery and Printing ... ..	396 18 2		
Periodicals and Amusements ... ..	145 14 11		
Incidentals ... ..	270 7 9		
		2616 3 6	
Total Expenditure and Transfers... ..	...	...	54806 6 7
Balance ... ..	...	...	7889 18 7
Total of Expenditure, Transfers and Balance ... ..	...	...	62696 5 2

## REPAIRS FUND ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sums paid on Account of:—			
Ordinary Repairs ... ..	2922 16 6		
Superannuation ... ..	93 17 8		
		3016 14 2	
Insurance and Rates ... ..	...	96 13 1	
Total Expenditure ... ..	...	...	3113 7 3
Net Balances at end of the Year ... ..	...	...	705 14 11
Total of Expenditure and Balances ... ..	...	...	3819 2 2

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Receipts and Transfers :—			
Maintenance Account ... ..	59035 18 9		
Building and Repairs Fund Account :—			
Moneys raised by means of Loans ... ..			
Other Moneys ... ..	3273 3 6		
Total ... ..			62309 2 3
Deduct—Transfers from the Maintenance Account to the Building and Repairs Fund Account ... ..			2850 16 7
Total Receipts ... ..			59458 5 8

Submitted to the Finance Committee.

(Signed) F. T. WILSON,

Chairman.

## PART III.—FARMING AND

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Estimated Value of Produce supplied to the Asylum during the year ended 31st March, 1919 :—			
Butchers' Meat ... ..	742 7 1		
Poultry, Eggs and Rabbits ... ..	189 13 7		
Milk ... ..	1714 14 6		
Vegetables ... ..	805 13 11		
Fruit ... ..	12 16 10		
Keep of House Horse ... ..	23 8 0		
		3488 13 11	
Cash Receipts from Sales of Produce ... ..		2209 13 3	
Total Receipts ... ..			5698 7 2
Estimated Value of Stock :—			
Live Stock ... ..	2783 12 0		
Dead Stock ... ..	1818 3 4		
Tenant's Valuation ... ..	989 5 7		
Provender ... ..	754 8 9		
			6345 9 8
Total ... ..			12043 16 10

## AND TRANSFERS IN PARTS I. AND II.

EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Expenditure and Transfers :—			
Maintenance Account ... ..	54806 6 7		
Building and Repairs Fund Account :—			
Out of Money raised by means of Loans ... ..			
Out of other Moneys ... ..	3113 7 3		
Total ... ..			57919 13 10
Deduct—Transfers from the Maintenance Account to the Buildings and Repairs Fund Account ... ..			2850 16 7
Total Expenditure ... ..			55068 17 3

Examined 25th April, 1919.

H. M. STEVENS,

Borough Accountant.

## GARDENING ACCOUNT.

1918—March 31st.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Estimated Value of Stock :—			
Live Stock ... ..	2200 5 6		
Dead Stock ... ..	1346 5 1		
Tenant's Valuation ... ..	860 17 5		
Provender ... ..	502 17 4		
		...	4910 5 4
Cash Payments in respect of :—			
Labour ... ..	1272 4 10		
Seeds and Manure ... ..	583 12 3		
Stock—Live and Dead ... ..	2041 7 9		
Provender ... ..	1526 4 5		
Other Cash Payments, specifying them :—			
Thrashing and Thatching ... ..	62 8 0		
Railway Carriage ... ..	33 11 7		
Medicine, &c. ... ..	26 5 6		
Sundries ... ..	192 4 2		
Rates and Taxes ... ..	41 11 10		
Valuation ... ..	10 10 0		
Petrol and Paraffin ... ..	123 14 6		
Total Expenditure ... ..			10824 0 2
Balance in favour at the end of the year ... ..			1219 16 8
Total ... ..			12043 16 10

I hereby certify that the foregoing are correct Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1919.

As witness my hand this 23rd day of April, 1919.

GEO. PURVEY,

Clerk of the Asylum.



BRIGHTON COUNTY BOROUGH ASYLUM,  
HAYWARDS HEATH.

Dr. Farm and Garden Accounts for the Year ending 31st March, 1919. Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1918.—March 31st.							1919.—March 31st.						
To Estimated Value of Live Stock.....	2200	5	6				By Sale of—						
Estimated Value of Dead Stock .....	1346	5	1				23 Calves .....	68	10	0			
Estimated Value of Tenant's Valuation .....	860	17	5				11 Cows, 7 Steers, 3 Heifers .....	720	17	4			
Estimated Value of Provender .....	502	17	4				40 Sheep .....	128	12	2			
				4910	5	4	57 Pigs .....	425	6	4			
1919.—March 31st.							Hides and Skins .....	36	1	3			
To Purchase of—							½ ton Potatoes .....	1	16	3			
Labour—							Bones .....	31	13	0			
Wages of Bailiff, Gardener, Cowman, Carters, and other Servants employed on Farm and Garden .....	1272	4	10				52 Qrs. Wheat .....	148	1	0			
				1272	4	10	24 Qrs. Peas .....	208	0	9			
Stock—Live and Dead—							Hay .....	108	18	0			
10 Cows and Beasts ...	491	0	0				104 Qrs Oats .....	247	6	8			
14 Calves and Heifers and 11 Steers .....	691	19	2				99 Fleeces .....	40	11	9			
60 Sheep .....	180	0	0				13½ ton Mangolds .....	17	1	10			
1 Horse .....	130	0	0				Sundries .....	26	17	8			
2 Drakes .....	1	10	0								2209	13	3
18 Pigs .....	107	19	0				By Produce supplied to House—						
Implements .....	438	19	7	2041	7	9	3,095 lbs. Pork @ 1/2, 1/4, 1/5 and 1/7 .....	370	11	4			
Provender—							6,155 lbs. Mutton @ 1/1 and 1/3 .....	371	15	9			
Oil Cake .....	531	7	0								742	7	1
Pig Meal .....	368	8	0				19,226½ gals. Milk .....	1714	14	6			
Bran and Sharps .....	274	10	3				9,942 No. Eggs .....	177	13	1			
Oats .....	30	0	0				47 No. Poultry .....	11	10	0			
Dairy Meal .....	10	10	0				6 No. Rabbits .....	10	6				
Peas .....	50	0	0								1904	8	1
Pig Potatoes .....	73	18	8				1,788 bus. Cabbage .....	89	8	0			
Straw .....	68	16	3				402½ „ Onions .....	40	5	0			
Grains .....	118	14	3	1526	4	5	3,368 „ Potatoes .....	503	2	2			
Seeds and Manures—							18 „ Peas .....	1	16	9			
Seeds, Manures & Lime .....	583	12	3				271½ „ Beans .....	27	3	0			
				583	12	3	102½ „ Carrots .....	10	5	0			
Other Payments—							413 „ Parsnips .....	41	6	0			
Thrashing & Thatching .....	62	8	0				93½ „ Turnips .....	3	17	11			
Railway Carriage .....	33	11	7				3,891 No. Cauliflowers .....	24	6	4			
Medicine and Shoeing .....	26	5	6				Other Vegetables .....	44	11	6			
Petrol and Paraffin .....	123	14	6				Fruit and Rhubarb .....	12	16	10			
Valuation .....	10	10	0				Vegetables and Fruit supplied to Medical Superintendent .....	19	12	3			
Sundries .....	192	4	2	448	13	9					818	10	9
Rates and Taxes .....	41	11	0				Keep of House Horse ...	23	8	0			
Estimated Rent on Land .....	200	0	0	241	11	10					23	8	0
							By Estimated Value of Live Stock .....	2783	12	0			
Balance in favour...				1019	16	8	Estimated Value of Dead Stock .....	1818	3	4			
							Estimated Value of Tenant's Valuation .....	989	5	7			
				£12043	16	10	Estimated Value of Provender .....	754	8	9			
											6345	9	8
											£12,043	16	10

Examined by the Farm Committee, 26th April, 1919.

(Signed) J. S. PORT,

(Signed) GEO. PURVEY,  
Clerk of the Asylum.

THE ESTABLISHMENT.

OFFICERS.

	Salary.	Emoluments.	Estimated Value.
Medical Superintendent	£900	Furnished House, Coals, Vegetables, and Laundry	£250
Second Assistant Medical Officer	250	Lodging, Board, Washing and Attendance	140
Assistant Medical Officer (Temporary),	£31 10s. per month.	Ditto.	
Chaplain (Temporary),	3 guineas per week.		
Clerk of Asylum	350	Privilege of Purchasing at Stores	5
Assistant Clerk	120		
Storekeeper	210	House, Coals, and Gas	37 10
Head Attendant (Male)	vacant.		
Farm Bailiff, £104 (and commission)		House, Coals, &c.	43 10
Matron	100	Lodging, Board, Washing and Attendance	85
Housekeeper	70	Ditto	85
Assistant Matron	60	Ditto	
Total			11

ATTENDANTS AND SERVANTS.

MALES.		£ s.	FEMALES (Continued).		£ s.
1 Acting Head Attendant	Ann. Nett.	108 14	1 Day Nurse		53 2
1 Organist		60 0	1 Night Nurse		52 2
1 Hall Porter		74 6	2 Day Nurses		50 2
2 Night Attendants		118 2	2 " "		49 2
1 Day Attendant		87 14	1 " "		48 2
1 " "		85 14	1 " "		45 2
1 " "		84 14	2 " "		43 12
2 " "		82 14	2 Night Nurses		44 12
1 " "		79 14	4 " "		43 12
1 " "		78 14	1 Day Nurse (Temporary)		43 12
1 " "		77 14	4 " "		42 12
2 " "		75 14	3 " "		41 12
1 " "		71 16	3 Night Nurses		41 12
1 " "		70 4	1 Day Nurse (Temporary)		41 12
1 " "		69 4	6 " "		40 12
2 " "		68 4	1 " " (Temporary)		39 12
1 " "		67 4	13 " "		39 12
1 " "		66 6	1 " " (Temporary)		39 12
12 Temporary Day Attendants @ pr. Wk.		33 0	1 Caretaker (Nurses Home)		47 2
7 " " " "		28 0	1 Laundry Maid (Head)		56 2
1 Temporary Night Attendant		43 0	1 Housemaid (Head)		43 12
1 " " " "		42 6	1 Hall Porter's Wife		35 12
2 " " " "		42 0	1 Dining Hall Maid		48 2
1 " " " "		29 0	2 Kitchen Maids		38 12
1 " " " "		28 0	1 Housemaid		38 12
1 Temporary Laundry Attendant		36 0	1 Laundry Maid		41 12
48			1 Kitchen Maid		38 12
			1 Assistant Cook		45 12
			1 Needlewoman		47 12
			2 Laundry Maids		40 12
			1 " " (Temporary)		39 12
			1 Housemaid		38 12
			1 Assistant Dining Hall Maid		39 12
					72

ARTISANS, &c.

1 Bricklayer	Wk. Nett.	£2 9 0	1 Fitter	Wk. Nett.	£2 6 6
1 " (Temporary)		2 5 6	1 Garden Labourer (Temporary)		1 18 0
1 Bricklayer's Labourer		1 19 6	1 General Labourer		2 1 6
1 Baker		2 11 0	1 " "		1 19 6
1 " "		2 6 6	1 Garden Labourer		1 12 6
1 Basket-maker		2 4 4	1 " "		1 12 6
1 Butcher		2 0 6	1 House Carter		2 0 6
1 Cabinet-maker		2 9 6	1 Matmaker		2 2 4
1 Carpenter		2 9 0	1 Painter		2 8 4
1 " (Temporary)		2 5 6	1 " "		2 4 4
1 Carter		2 6 6	1 Stoker		2 4 6
1 " "		1 17 6	1 " "		2 5 6
1 Cowman		1 19 6	1 Store Porter		2 3 5
1 " Assistant		1 17 6	1 Shoemaker (Temporary)		2 5 6
1 Farm Boy		1 3 0	1 Sewage Labourer		1 17 6
1 Florist		2 2 6	1 Stockman		2 0 0
1 Medical Superintendent's Gardener		1 18 6	1 Tailor		2 4 6
1 Front Ground Labourer	Wk. Nett.	£1 17 4			
1 Gardener		2 1 11			
1 Engineer		3 1 6			
1 Blacksmith		2 1 6			

Made up on 31st March, 1919. { Officers ... 11 } Total of Staff ... 169  
 { Attendants and Servants 120 }  
 { Artisans, &c. ... 38 }

GEO. PURVEY, Clerk of the Asylum.

TABLE SHEWING THE WEEKLY CHARGE FOR  
 MAINTENANCE OF PATIENTS CHARGEABLE  
 TO THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF BRIGHTON.

YEAR.	March.		June.		Sept.		Dec.	
	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
1903.....	...		...		...		12	6
1904.....	12	6	11	1	10	9	10	6
1905.....	10	6	10	0	10	0	10	0
1906.....	10	0	9	6	9	6	9	6
1907.....	9	6	9	6	9	6	10	0
1908.....	10	0	10	9	11	0	11	0
1909.....	11	0	11	0	11	0	11	0
1910.....	11	0	10	9	10	0	9	9
1911.....	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
1912.....	10	0	11	0	11	0	11	0
1913.....	11	6	11	6	11	6	12	0
1914.....	12	6	12	6	12	6	12	6
1915.....	12	6	13	6	13	6	13	6
1916.....	13	6	13	6	13	6	14	0
1917.....	15	6	16	6	17	6	18	6
1918.....	18	6	18	6	20	0	20	0





Year ending	Members	Year	Provisional		Year	Members
			Year	Members		
1901	...	...	...	...	...	...
1902	...	...	...	...	...	...
1903	...	...	...	...	...	...
1904	...	...	...	...	...	...
1905	...	...	...	...	...	...
1906	...	...	...	...	...	...
1907	...	...	...	...	...	...
1908	...	...	...	...	...	...
1909	...	...	...	...	...	...
1910	...	...	...	...	...	...
1911	...	...	...	...	...	...
1912	...	...	...	...	...	...
1913	...	...	...	...	...	...
1914	...	...	...	...	...	...
1915	...	...	...	...	...	...
1916	...	...	...	...	...	...
1917	...	...	...	...	...	...
1918	...	...	...	...	...	...
1919	...	...	...	...	...	...

THE  
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

---

THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT has the honour to submit the Fifteenth Annual Report to you as the Committee of Visitors of the Brighton County Borough Asylum, being the Sixtieth since the opening of the Asylum.

The Admissions during the year ending September 30th, 1918, have been—Males, 183; Females, 258; Total, 441.

The Discharges during the year have been—Males, 52; Females, 75; Total, 127.

The Deaths during the same period have been—Males, 97; Females, 45; Total, 142.

The Average Numbers Daily Resident during the year have been—Males, 366; Females, 524; Total, 890.

The Numbers in the Asylum this day, 30th September, 1918, are—Males, 399; Females, 628; Total, 1027.

They are chargeable as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
To Brighton Parish . . .	177	294	471
To the portion of Steyning Union included in the County Borough of Brighton . . . . .	31	46	77
To the County Borough of Brighton . . . . .	3	6	9
To Out-County Unions . .	4	11	15
Private Patients . . . .	19	36	55
Ditto Service Patients . .	15	—	15
Patients under Contract—			
Portsmouth . . . . .	68	129	197
Eastbourne . . . . .	41	68	109
Napsbury . . . . .	7	10	17
West Sussex . . . . .	34	28	62

The total number of Patients chargeable to Brighton and to the Steyning Union has decreased by 27, viz., a decrease of Males 31, and an increase of Females 4.

The Admissions during the year from the Parish of Brighton and from the portion of Steyning Union in the County Borough of Brighton have been—Males, 93 ; Females, 80 ; Total, 173.

Excluding transfers from other Asylums, the percentage of those discharged as recovered within the year is 8.0 per cent. more than last year, viz., 34.2 as against 26.2 per cent.

The Discharges were 127, of whom 52 were Males and 75 Females.

Of the 52 Males who were discharged, 29 had recovered, this being a percentage of 26.6 on the admissions, excluding transfers, 19 were discharged to the care of friends, and 4 were removed to other Asylums.

Of the 75 Females who were discharged, 47 had recovered, this being a percentage of 41.6 on the admissions, excluding transfers, 20 were discharged to the care of friends, and 8 were transferred to other Asylums.

One-hundred-and-forty-two Deaths occurred, viz., 97 Males, 45 Females. The death rates, based on the average daily number resident, are Males, 26.5; Females, 8.6. For both sexes 16.0 per cent. Of the total deaths 24 were due to tuberculosis, 20 to bronchitis or pneumonia, 21 to heart disease, 13 to nephritis, 12 to general paralysis, 10 to old age, 5 to dysentery, 1 to influenza, 4 to malignant disease, and the remaining 32 to various forms of brain disease or other constitutional disorder.

#### AGES AT DEATH.

	0-5	5-15	15-35	35-55	55-75	75 and upwds	Total deaths.
Males ..	..	..	14	34	39	10	97
Females	..	..	3	13	21	8	45
Total ..	..	..	17	47	60	18	142

The Mean Age at Death for both sexes was 54.7 years—Males, 52.4; Females, 59.5.

No inquest has been held by the Coroner during the year. There have been three serious non-fatal casualties, all the result of accidental falls. A Male Patient received a fracture dislocation of the left ankle, another Male Patient suffered dislocation of the left shoulder, and a Female Patient fractured her left tibia.

The death rate for Male Patients has been exceptionally high, chiefly on account of the large preponderance of old and debilitated Patients amongst the recent Male admissions, but over-crowding and lowered vitality as the result of malnutrition have contributed to this result. The Female rate on the other hand has fallen to the pre-war standard. The Dysentery cases have slightly decreased. There has been one sporadic case of Enteric Fever occurring in a Nurse.\*

Deputations of the Eastbourne Guardians have twice visited the Asylum and left favourable reports.

The Portsmouth Borough Asylum being required for the American Red Cross, a Reception Contract was arranged with that Asylum to receive a certain proportion of the Patients at a very short notice, and 70 Males and 137 Females were safely transferred early in July. The population of the Asylum was thus raised to 1,047—a greater number than had ever before been in residence.

I have to report the death of the Rev. E. R. D. Litle, Chaplain of the Asylum, which occurred on the 2nd

---

\* The grave epidemic of Influenza which occurred in the Autumn of 1918 is not included in the period covered by this Report.

November, 1917. Mr. Litle had been 25 years in the service of the Asylum, and his illness and death were deeply regretted by Staff and Patients alike. The locum tenens who had acted during Mr. Litle's illness being willing to continue in office, you have decided not to fill up this vacancy until after the War.

With two exceptions the conduct of the Staff has been satisfactory ; but an Attendant was dismissed for absenting himself from special duty, and a Nurse for refusing to do her work.

I continue to receive valuable assistance from Dr. Forster, Dr. Clegg, and the other Officers of the Asylum.

To you, Gentlemen, I offer thanks for the confidence and sympathy extended to me in a time of unusual stress and difficulty.

CHARLES PLANCK.

THE CHAPLAIN'S ANNUAL REPORT.

---

The CHAPLAIN has the honour to lay before the Committee his Annual Report.

On the death of the Rev. E. R. D. Litle, the late Chaplain, you entrusted to me the responsibility of carrying out the various duties of the office temporarily.

The customary services held in the Chapel on Sundays are rendered in as bright and congregational a manner as could be wished.

A word of well-deserved thanks is due to the Choir and Organist for the regularity and efficiency with which they discharge their sacred duties.

The attendance of the Patients is most satisfactory, and also their general demeanour and attentiveness. There has been next to nothing to disturb the harmony of the services.

The daily services in both Dining Halls and the occasional ones in the Wards and Infirmaries seem to be appreciated by a goodly number of the Patients.

On my weekly visits to all the Wards, &c., I have observed how very industrious many of the Patients are in their pleasant apartments, where they are evidently well looked after and cared for.

The Rev. J. P. Bacon-Phillips, late Rector of Crowhurst, acted as locum tenens for me during part of July.

(Signed) H. THOMAS,

October 31st, 1918.

*Acting Chaplain.*

MEMBERS OF THE PERMANENT STAFF  
WHO HAVE JOINED HIS MAJESTY'S FORCES SINCE THE  
OUTBREAK OF THE WAR.

Harper-Smith, G. H.	First Assist. Medical Officer	R.A.M.C.
Thompson, Ernest C.	Assistant Clerk	.. Northhamptons
Baker, F. J.	.. Second Attendant	.. Scots Guards
Barton, R.	.. Charge ..	.. Rifle Brigade
Batchelor, G.	.. Butcher	.. A.S.C.
Booker, R.	.. Front Ground Labourer..	.. R.A.F.
Bull, J.	.. Florist	.. R.A.F.
Chatfield, F.	.. Third Attendant	.. Royal Sussex (killed in action)
Cottingham, E.	.. Second ..	.. ..
Cook, H.	.. Garden Labourer	.. ..
Davey, W.	.. Third Attendant	.. Devons
Elstob, J. C.	.. .. ..	.. R.A.M.C.
Farmer, P.	.. Assist. Cowman	.. Royal Sussex
Fleckner, A. E.	.. Third Attendant	.. Oxford and Bucks L. Infantry
French, W.	.. .. ..	.. Royal Fusiliers
Fuller, Ernest	.. .. ..	.. West Kents
Hammond, E. A.	.. .. ..	.. Royal Sussex
Harper, A.	.. .. ..	.. R.A.M.C.
Hoadley, A.	.. Night ..	.. K.R.R. (killed in action)
Holder, R.	.. Shoemaker	.. Rifle Brigade
Hollingdale, W. H.	.. Second Attendant	.. Royal Defence Corps
Hollingdale, J.	.. Third ..	.. Royal Sussex
Harris, Jack	.. Bricklayer	.. ..
Hurst, J.	.. Painter	.. R.F.A.
Jones, R. O.	.. Third Attendant	.. R.A.M.C.
Kingswood, W. H.	.. .. ..	.. Rifle Brigade
Manning, C. F.	.. .. ..	.. Royal Sussex
Martin, Robert	.. .. ..	.. ..
Newnham, W.	.. Assist. Carter	.. Royal Sussex
Newnham, A. W.	.. Second Attendant	.. Rifle Brigade
Newnham, W.	.. .. ..	.. Royal Defence Corps
Osmond, Frank W.	.. Third ..	.. ..
Pattenden, J.	.. Charge ..	.. Royal Sussex
Pattenden, W.	.. Night ..	.. R.A.M.C.
Quinn, P.	.. Second ..	.. Rifle Brigade
Ralfe, P.	.. Third ..	.. ..
Sims, S. W.	.. Charge ..	.. ..
Sparkes, F.	.. Third ..	.. ..
Stone, G.	.. .. ..	.. Bucks Yeomanry
Sturgeon, A.	.. .. ..	.. Royal Sussex
Taylor, G. W.	.. Night ..	.. R.A.M.C. (died in Hospital)
Tracey, R.	.. Matmaker	.. Royal Navy
Trigg, H.	.. Stoker	.. Royal Navy
Vinehill, E. H.	.. Third Attendant	.. R.A.M.C.
Wedlake, F.	.. .. ..	.. Royal Sussex
Weller, J. W.	.. Night ..	.. ..
White, L.	.. Third ..	.. ..

*March, 1918.*

General Table, shewing the movement of the Asylum  
Population during the Year 1918.

	Certified Patients.					
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
On the Asylum Registers, Jan. 1st, 1918 .....	357	488	845			
Total Cases Admitted during the Year .....	181	271	452			
Total Cases under Treatment during the Year .....				538	759	1297
Cases Discharged or Trans- ferred during the Year—						
Recovered .....	28	52	80			
Relieved .....	15	21	36			
Not Improved .....	—	4	4			
Died during the Year .....	120	70	190			
Total Cases Discharged, Transferred and Died during the Year .....				163	147	310
On the Asylum Registers, Dec. 31st, 1918 .....				371	606	977
Average Daily Number on the Registers during the Year...				368	556	925

Certified Persons (i.e., separate persons in contradistinction to  
"cases," which may include the same individual more than  
once).

	M.	F.	T.
Certified under Care during the Year ...	537	757	1294
„ Admitted .....	180	270	450
„ Recovered .....	28	52	80



General Table showing the movement of the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, from 1817 to 1850.

Year	Total Number of Pupils	Total Number of Teachers	Males		Females	
			Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
1817	10	1	5	50	5	50
1818	15	2	8	53	7	47
1819	20	3	10	50	10	50
1820	25	4	12	48	13	52
1821	30	5	15	50	15	50
1822	35	6	18	51	17	49
1823	40	7	20	50	20	50
1824	45	8	22	49	23	51
1825	50	9	25	50	25	50
1826	55	10	27	49	28	51
1827	60	11	30	50	30	50
1828	65	12	32	49	33	51
1829	70	13	35	50	35	50
1830	75	14	37	49	38	51
1831	80	15	40	50	40	50
1832	85	16	42	49	43	51
1833	90	17	45	50	45	50
1834	95	18	47	49	48	51
1835	100	19	50	50	50	50
1836	105	20	52	49	53	51
1837	110	21	55	50	55	50
1838	115	22	57	49	58	51
1839	120	23	60	50	60	50
1840	125	24	62	49	63	51
1841	130	25	65	50	65	50
1842	135	26	67	49	68	51
1843	140	27	70	50	70	50
1844	145	28	72	49	73	51
1845	150	29	75	50	75	50
1846	155	30	77	49	78	51
1847	160	31	80	50	80	50
1848	165	32	82	49	83	51
1849	170	33	85	50	85	50
1850	175	34	87	49	88	51
Total	1750	175	875	50	875	50

Month	Year	Day	Time	Location	Remarks
Jan	1900	1	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	2	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	3	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	4	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	5	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	6	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	7	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	8	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	9	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	10	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	11	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	12	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	13	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	14	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	15	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	16	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	17	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	18	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	19	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	20	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	21	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	22	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	23	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	24	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	25	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	26	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	27	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	28	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	29	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	30	10:00	...	...
Jan	1900	31	10:00	...	...

DIPLOMA

# DIET SCALE.

	DINNER at 1.0 P.M.												SUPPER at 6.0 P.M.																					
	BREAKFAST At 8.0 A.M.																																	
	<i>Males.</i>			<i>Females.</i>									<i>Males.</i>			<i>Females.</i>																		
	oz.	pt.	oz.	oz.	pt.	oz.	oz.	pt.	oz.	oz.	pt.	oz.	oz.	pt.	oz.	oz.	pt.	oz.	oz.	pt.														
Sunday ...	8	1	1	6	1	1	4	...	2	...	...	12	6	...	12	...	...	7	...	6	...													
Monday ...	8	1	1	6	1	1	4	...	4	...	...	8	4	...	12	...	...	1	...	6	...													
Tuesday ...	8	1	1	6	1	1	4	...	4	...	...	12	4	...	8	...	...	1	...	6	...													
Wednesday ...	8	1	1	6	1	1	4	...	4	...	...	12	4	...	12	...	...	1	...	6	...													
Thursday ...	8	1	1	6	1	1	4	...	4	...	...	12	4	...	12	...	...	1	...	6	...													
Friday ...	8	1	1	6	1	1	4	...	4	...	...	12	4	...	12	...	...	1	...	6	...													
Saturday ...	8	1	1	6	1	1	4	...	4	...	...	12	4	...	12	...	...	1	...	6	...													
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3½</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2½</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2¼</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2¼</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>

# DINNER.

	<i>Male Patients.</i>	<i>Female Patients.</i>		<i>Male Patients.</i>	<i>Female Patients.</i>
Sunday ... ..	Boiled Bacon & Haricots, with Rice and Fruit in season.	Roast Meat, with Rice and Fruit in season.	Thursday ...	Roast Meat.	Ginger or Dried Fruit Dumpling or Treacle.
Monday ... ..	Pea Soup.	Irish Stew.	Friday ... ..	Fresh Fish, Potatoes and Sauce.	Irish Stew.
Tuesday ... ..	Irish Stew.	Pea Soup.	Saturday ...	Irish Stew.	Fresh Fish, Potatoes and Sauce.
Wednesday ...	Ginger or Dried Fruit Dumpling or Treacle.	Boiled Bacon, with Haricots.			

*Extra Diet for Sick.*—Steak, Mutton Chop, Fowl, Fish, Eggs, Mutton Broth, Beef Tea, Essence of Beef, Milk, Arrowroot, Rice Pudding, Batter Pudding, Sago, Barley Water, Gruel, Oranges, Biscuits, Calf's Foot Jelly, Porter, Port Wine, Sherry, Brandy, Gin, Whisky, Rum, Lemonade, Soda Water.

*Extra Diet for Male Working Patients.*— $\frac{1}{2}$  pint Gingerette or other Non-alcoholic Liquors, 4oz. Bread,  $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Butter at 11 A.M., and  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint Gingerette at 4 P.M. Tobacco and Snuff given as indulgences.

*Ditto Female Working Patients.*— $\frac{1}{2}$  pint Cocoa, 4oz. Bread,  $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Butter at 11 A.M., and 4oz. Bread,  $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Butter, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint Tea at 4 P.M.

*Cocoa for One Hundred Patients.*—26ozs. Cocoa, 3lbs. 8ozs. Sugar, 2 gallons Milk, or more, if the Dairy yields it.

*Coffee* *Ditto*  $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Coffee, 2lbs. 12ozs. Sugar, 2 gallons Milk.

*Tea* *Ditto* 1lb. Tea, 3lbs. Sugar, and 2 gallons Milk.

*Pea Soup* *Ditto* { The Liquor of the Cooked Meat, Bones, &c.; 18lbs. Split Peas; Carrots, Cabbage, Parsnip, Leeks, Onions, Artichokes, or other Vegetables, Herbs, Salt, and Pepper.

*Irish Stew* *Ditto* Meat with Potatoes and other Vegetables and Pearl Barley (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ozs. each).

*Dumpling, 100lbs. weight.*—48lbs. Flour; 12lbs. Suet, with Raisins and Currants, Ginger or Treacle.

*Attendants' and Servants' Diet.*—7lbs. Vegetables, 7lbs. Bread (Women, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.), 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  pints New Milk, 4oz. Tea, 3 Eggs,  $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Sugar,  $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Coffee, 8oz. Butter or Margarine, 1lb. Cheese (Women,  $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.), 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Meat,  $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Bacon, 12ozs. Fish (Women, 10ozs), 3 Sweet Puddings,  $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Jam weekly.

Peas Pudding, Haricots and Dried Fish or Eggs once a week. Night Attendants (non-resident) 2oz. Tea weekly.

(Signed) CHARLES PLANCK,  
Medical Superintendent.

31st March, 1919.

REPORT OF A COMMISSIONER OF THE  
BOARD OF CONTROL.

BRIGHTON ASYLUM,  
HAYWARDS HEATH,  
*17th October, 1918.*

Since the visit of my colleague in February, 1917, there has been a considerable increase in the number of Patients accommodated in this Asylum, mainly due to the reception of the 63 Patients whom he reported as about to be transferred from the West Sussex Asylum, and of over 200 Patients from Portsmouth Asylum. The actual changes during the period of over twenty months have been as follows:—

Admitted . . . . .	611
Discharged or recovered . . . . .	250
Of whom had recovered . . . . .	104
Died . . . . .	233

The result is that there are to-day on the books the names of 395 Men and 626 Women—a total of 1,021—all of whom, except 2 women who are out on trial, are in residence and have been seen by me. Fifty-four are of the Private class, for whom the weekly charges vary from 20s. 6d. to 42s., and 405 are Paupers chargeable to Unions outside the Borough. Of these, 111 are from Eastbourne and 183 are war

transfers, 17 from Napsbury, 63 from West Sussex, and 203 from Portsmouth Asylums. Thirteen mentally defective children are boarded out in East Sussex Asylum, and 5 in Netherne.

The maintenance for Pauper Patients is 20s. per week.

I gave to all the Patients full opportunity of speaking to me, and making complaints if they desired; but though many appealed for discharge, few had any grievance in regard to their treatment. They appeared to be well cared for, and their conduct was quiet and orderly, even in the Wards appropriated to the more troublesome cases. On the Female side as many as 91 were in bed, as against 28 on the Male side, but the vast majority were so treated for mental reasons, or for the feebleness of old age, and there were but few cases of serious illness.

I saw dinner served in the Women's Dining Hall consisting of suet pudding with treacle. It appeared to be good and satisfying, and most of the patients I questioned spoke well of it.

The Wards and Dormitories were in good order and well kept.

The Death Rate during the period, which works out at about 15 per cent. per annum, though high as compared with ordinary years, shows a less increase than that of many similar institutions. Among the causes of death pulmonary tuberculosis, 16.5 per cent., pneumonia and bronchitis, 16 per cent., and heart disease, 17 per cent., were the most prominent, the deaths being much higher on the Male side than on the Female.

All the Deaths were from natural causes, and no inquests have been held.

Three casualties involving fractures of bones and one a dislocation of the shoulder have occurred, one due to a push from another patient, and the rest to accidental falls.

There have been a few cases of Enteric Fever, three among the Staff and six among the Patients, occurring sporadically and none of them fatal. There was an outbreak of Dysentery in the months of February and March, 1917, and there have been a number of sporadic cases since, a few being under treatment now.

The Nursing Staff consists, on the Male side, of 8 Charge, 30 ordinary Day, and 7 Night Attendants, and on the Female side of 11 Charge, 37 for ordinary Day and 10 for Night duty. No women are employed on the Male side, the difficulty being now greater in obtaining them than men.

Dr. Planck is assisted by Dr. Forster and by Dr. Clegg, who is acting as temporary Assistant Medical Officer.

L. L. SHADWELL,

*Commissioner of the Board of Control.*







