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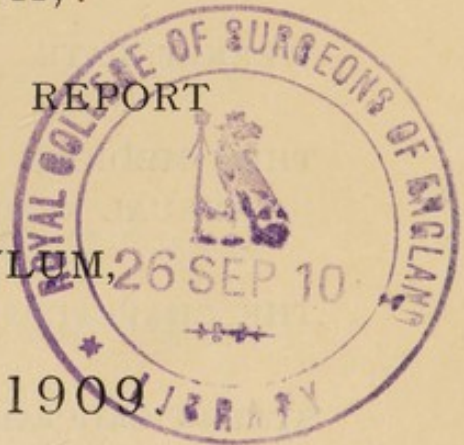
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OF THE
BRIGHTON
COUNTY BOROUGH ASYLUM,
HAYWARDS HEATH,
BEING THE 51ST ANNUAL REPORT
SINCE THE
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FOR THE YEAR 1909



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LIST OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE.

- ALDERMAN WILLIAM BOTTING, J.P.,
80 Grand Parade, Brighton.
- ALDERMAN JOHN COLBATCH CLARK, J.P.,
28 Ditchling Road, Brighton.
- ALDERMAN JAMES COLBOURNE, J.P.,
24 Preston Park Avenue, Brighton.
- ALDERMAN EDWARD MARTIN,
46 Compton Avenue, Brighton.
- ALDERMAN EDWARD JAMES REEVES, J.P. (*Chairman*),
Hove Dene, Cromwell Road, Hove.
- ALDERMAN JOHN PRETYMAN SLINGSBY ROBERTS,
3 Powis Villas, Brighton.
- ALDERMAN WILLIAM SENDALL, J.P.,
131 Preston Road, Brighton.
- COUNCILLOR EDWARD JOHN BUTT-THOMPSON,
13 Richmond Terrace, Brighton.
- COUNCILLOR EDWARD GEERE (*Mayor*),
"Burmah," Harrington Road, Brighton.
- COUNCILLOR ALFRED HALLETT,
Manor House, Manor Road, Brighton.
- COUNCILLOR JOHN LINTOTT,
1 Waldegrave Road, Brighton.
- COUNCILLOR CHARLES LYNN,
3 Buckingham Road, Brighton.
- COUNCILLOR HENRY PEARCE,
24 Wilbury Villas, Hove.
- COUNCILLOR JOSEPH STRINGER,
7 Wellington Road, Brighton.
- COUNCILLOR JOHN WHITTOME,
Stanford House, 2 Stanford Avenue, Brighton.

31st MARCH, 1910.

LIST OF THE OFFICERS.

Medical Superintendent—E. B. C. Walker, Esq., M.D.

Senior Assistant Medical Officer—C. Planck, Esq., M.A. (Camb :)
M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P.

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

Chaplain—The Rev. E. R. D. Litle, M.A.

Clerk of the Asylum—Mr. G. Purvey.

Assistant Clerk—Mr. E. C. Thompson.

Storekeeper—Mr. E. E. Doughty.

Housekeeper—Miss M. Darbyshire.

Head Attendants—Mr. John Backhouse (Male Department).

Miss M. A. Buckle (Female Department).

Assistant Female Officer—Mrs. E. Austins.

Treasurer—B. Y. Bevan, Esq.

Clerk to the Visitors—Hugo Talbot, Esq.

31st March, 1910.



Brighton County Borough Asylum,
HAYWARDS HEATH.

SIXTH ANNUAL
REPORT OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE
(Pursuant to Section 190 of the Lunacy Act, 1890),
BEING THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT SINCE THE
FOUNDATION OF THE INSTITUTION.

To the Council of the County Borough of Brighton.

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

The number of Patients on the books on the 30th September last was:—

Males	312
Females	435

This number is divided as follows:—

From Brighton Union	590
From the part of Steyning Union within the County Borough	64
Out County	65
Private	28

In addition to the above are five imbecile children placed under contract in Hellingly Asylum.

The general health of the Patients and Staff has been good.

The Weekly Maintenance Rate in respect of the four quarters of 1909 was fixed by the Committee as follows:—

	1909.		Corresponding Quarter of 1908.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
March Quarter . .	11	0	—	10 0
June „ . .	11	0	—	10 9
September „ . .	11	0	—	11 0
December „ . .	11	0	—	11 0

The contracts with the County Borough of West Ham for the reception of 30 male and 30 female patients have been renewed for a further period of three years from the 23rd December last.

The Committee during the year continued their efforts to obtain contract patients to fill up, so far as practicable, the vacancies caused by the removal of the Cardiff patients, and now have the satisfaction to inform the Council that they have entered into contracts with the Middlesex County Asylums Committee for the reception into the Asylum of 50 male and 50 female patients from their Asylums for one year certain; and thereafter determinable by either party on three months' notice.

There has been a change in the Medical Staff during the year, Dr. M. D. Wood, the Second Assistant Medical Officer, having left the Asylum service to engage in private practice. No fresh appointment has been made in his place.

The general conduct of the Attendants, Nurses and Servants (with one exception) has been good.

Superannuation allowances have been granted during the year to Orlando Peirce, male attendant; Hannah Tomlinson, nurse; Agnes Allen, seamstress; and Frederick Ralph, bricklayer; all of whom have retired after lengthy periods of service.

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

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

On the 18th November and the 14th July, two of the Commissioners in Lunacy made visits of inspection, and left satisfactory reports.

During the year Deputations from the Boards of Guardians of Brighton and Steyning visited the patients chargeable to their respective Unions.

During the past year the drainage of the four cottages at the entrance gates of the Asylum has been carried into the main sewer of the Chailey Rural District Council at a cost of £106 7s. 10d., the expense having been defrayed out of the Building and Repairs Fund.

The Fire Escape, which has been in use since 1884, was deemed to be unsafe, and has been replaced by a new one at a price of £66 17s. 6d. The Electric Fire Alarm System, Tell-tale Clock and Bells have been brought up to date at a cost of £73 16s. 6d.

The sum of £42 17s. has been spent in the provision of machinery guards to carry out the recommendations of the Factory Inspector. The above amounts have also been paid out of the Building and Repairs Fund, with the exception of the case of the new Fire Escape, the account for which has not yet been received.

On the 29th 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 Annual Blue Book.

The Committee beg to inform the Council that the amount of the Building and Repairs Fund, which, as the Council are aware, consists of the excess arising from the receipts in respect of maintenance of patients taken under contract from other Authorities or otherwise chargeable to Unions outside the County Borough of Brighton, was, at the date of the last Annual Report, £9,701 7s. 9d., out of which the following payments have been made during the year:—

	£	s.	d.
Balance of the Cost of Water Tower, Mains and Fire Appliances	465	13	7
Balance of the Cost of New Boilers and Enlargement of Boiler House	644	8	2
Drainage of Cottages	111	14	2
Fire Alarm System and Electric Tell- tale Clock, &c.	73	16	6
Machinery Guards	42	17	0
Cost of Plans <i>re</i> proposed Alterations to Sanatorium	15	15	0
	<hr/>		
	£1,354	4	5
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The balance of the Building and Repairs Fund now stands at £9,230 9s. 2d.

Dr. Walker, his Medical Assistants, and the Staff generally, continue to discharge the duties of their respective offices to the entire satisfaction of the Committee.

On behalf of the Visiting Committee,

(Signed) E. J. REEVES,

The Asylum,

Chairman.

Haywards Heath,

30th October, 1909.

*ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st March, 1910,
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 .. .. .			...	...	6263 18 4
Sums received on Account of Pauper Patients:—					
1. From Boards of Guardians—					
From Guardians of Poor Law Unions within the Borough—					
NAMES OF UNIONS.	For Main- tenance at 11/- per head per week.	Funeral and other purposes			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
Brighton	16867 1 11	37 13 0	16904 14 11		
Steyning	1908 13 2	4 10 0	1913 3 2		
	18775 15 1	42 3 0	...	18817 18 1	
From Guardians of other Poor Law Unions—					
NAMES OF UNIONS.	For Main- tenance at 11/- and 14/- per head per week.	Funeral and other purposes.			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
Cuckfield	48 7 7				
Cardiff	36 10 0				
Portsmouth	2 2 0				
Taunton	2 8 0				
Steyning	10 16 0				
Hastings	10 10 0				
St. Mary Islington	4 0 0				
Eastbourne	2 4 0				
St. Mary Abbots	5 0 0				
	121 17 7	...	...	121 17 7	
2. From Councils of Counties and Boroughs—					
From the Treasurer of the Borough for Patients adjudged chargeable thereto at 11/- per head, per week					
			...	186 13 8	
Carried forward .. .. .			...	19126 9 4	6263 18 4

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

TENANCE ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
EXPENDITURE.									
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)	6542	3	7						
Uniforms	235	2	6						
Provisions, Malt Liquor, Wines and Spirits:—									
Provisions	6158	8	0						
Malt Liquor, Wines and Spirits (not included in ordinary diet)	47	12	9						
Farm and Garden Expenses:—									
Cash Payments included on Page 15	2517	18	0						
Clothing for Patients	851	10	4						
Furniture and Bedding	439	11	3						
Fuel, Lighting, Washing and other Necessaries	3694	15	1						
Expenses attending the Removal, Discharge and Burial of Patients	25	11	5						
Carried forward					20512	12	11		

PART I.—MAINTENANCE

RECEIPTS.			£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward ... ..			...	19126 9 4	6263 18 4
3. From the Treasurers of other Asylums for Patients received under Contract or arrangement at 13/6, 14/6 and 15/- per head, per week :—					
NAMES OF ASYLUMS.	Funerals.	Main-tenance.			
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
West Ham	2 0 0	2304 8 5	2306 8 5		
Napsbury ... ..	...	621 7 10	621 7 10		
Wandsworth ... ..	...	566 12 3	566 12 3	3494 8 6	
Sums received on Account of Private Patients :—					
For Maintenance at 16/-, 25/- and 42/- per head per week			1506 5 2		
For Expenses attending the Removal, Discharge or Burial of Patients			3 5 0	1509 10 2	
Cash Receipts on Farming and Gardening Account (see Page 14)					
			...	246 12 1	
Other Receipts, viz. :—					
Receipts from Sale of Kitchen Stuff, Old Stores, and Sundries from Asylum			371 1 2		
Rents			12 5 0		
Fines, &c.			9 3 4		
Bankers' Interest			68 5 4		
Rebate from Boro' Council, L. Act, 1890, sec. 269 (9) ...			52 3 5	512 18 3	
Total Receipts ... ..			...	...	24889 18 4
Total of Receipts and Balance ... ..			...	...	31153 16 8

PART II.—BUILDING AND

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Net Balances in hand brought forward from Abstract for the previous year ... ..	...	...	9110 5 10
Sums received from the Treasurer of the Borough on Account of—			
Ordinary Repairs	1156 8 2		
Other Purposes, specifying them :—			
Insurance, &c.	74 2 5		
Other Receipts, specifying them :—			
Bankers' Interest ... ..	...	1230 10 7	
Transfers from the Maintenance Account, viz. :—			
(a) Excess of Weekly Charge on "Out-Borough" Pauper Patients	861 17 2		
(b) Excess of Weekly Charge on Private Patients ...	593 7 1		
			1455 4 3
Total Receipts and Transfers ... ..	...	...	2893 15 8
Total of Receipts, Transfers and Balances ... ..	...	...	12004 1 6

ACCOUNT—continued.

EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Brought forward ... ..	...	20512 12 11	
Transfers to the Building and Repairs Fund Account, viz :			
(a) Excess of Weekly Charge on "Out-Borough" Pauper Patients	861 17 2		
(b) Excess of Weekly Charge on Private Patients	593 7 1		
		1455 4 3	
Payment to Treasurer of East Sussex Asylum ... ..	...	208 13 9	
Other Payments, specifying them:—			
Surgery and Dispensary	82 0 3		
Rates, &c.	1068 17 10		
Stationery and Printing	276 10 11		
Periodicals and Amusements	180 15 5		
Incidentals	207 0 6		
		1815 4 11	
Total Expenditure and Transfers... ..	...	...	23991 15 10
Balance, 31st March, 1910 ... ..	...	...	7162 0 10
Total Expenditure, Transfers and Balance ... ..	...	...	31153 16 8

REPAIRS FUND ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sums paid on Account of:—			
Ordinary Repairs	1749 15 3		
Water Tower	100 0 0		
Drainage of Cottages, &c.... ..	111 14 2		
Fire Escape	140 14 0		
		2102 3 5	
Other Payments, specifying them:—			
Rates, Insurance, &c. ... ..	...	74 2 5	
Total Expenditure ... ..	...	...	2176 5 10
Net Balance at the end of the year ... ..	...	...	9827 15 8
Total of Expenditure and Balances ... ..	...	...	12004 1 6

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE

RECEIPTS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Receipts and Transfers :—			
Maintenance Account	24889 18 4		
Building and Repairs Fund Account:—			
Moneys raised by means of Loans			
Other Moneys	2893 15 8		
Total			27783 14 0
Deduct—Transfers from the Maintenance Account to the Building and Repairs Fund Account			1455 4 3
Total Receipts			26328 9 9

Submitted to the Finance Committee this 23rd day of April, 1910.

(Signed) W. BOTTING.

PART III.—FARMING AND

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Estimated Value of Produce supplied to the Asylum during the year ended 31st March, 1910:—			
Butchers' Meat	481 14 7		
Poultry, Eggs, &c.	45 9 2		
Milk	607 2 6		
Vegetables	524 15 4		
Fruit	34 12 7		
Other Items, viz.:—			
Keep of House Horse	23 8 0		
		1717 2 2	
Cash Receipts from Sales of Produce		246 12 1	
Total Receipts			1963 14 3
Estimated Value of Stock, 31st March, 1910:—			
Live Stock	1312 6 6		
Dead Stock	468 16 11		
Tenant's Valuation	570 14 0		
Provender	330 11 11		
			2682 9 4
Balance at the end of the year			163 16 1
Total			4809 19 8

AND TRANSFERS IN PARTS I. AND II.

EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Expenditure and Transfers :—			
Maintenance Account	23991 15 10		
Building and Repairs Fund Account :—			
Out of Moneys raised by means of Loans			
Out of other Moneys	2176 5 10		
Total			26168 1 8
Deduct—Transfers from the Maintenance Account to the Building and Repairs Fund Account			1455 4 3
Total Expenditure			24712 17 5

Examined 22nd April, 1910. H. M. STEVENS, Borough Accountant.

GARDENING ACCOUNT.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1909—March 31st.			
Estimated Value of Stock :—			
Live Stock	937 17 0		
Dead Stock	497 17 6		
Tenant's Valuation	638 7 8		
Provender	217 19 6		
		2292 1 8	
1910—March 31st.			
Cash Payments in respect of :—			
Labour	721 5 9		
Seeds and Manure	173 16 3		
Stock, Live and Dead	694 10 2		
Provender	757 17 11		
Other Cash Payments, specifying them :—			
Thrashing and Thatching	26 0 1		
Shearing	19 3		
Railway Carriage	13 1 4		
Medicine and Shoeing	27 14 1		
Valuation	5 5 0		
Fruit Trees	24 14 9		
Sundries	43 14 6		
Rates	28 18 11		
Total Cash Payments (Farm and Garden Account)		2517 18 0	
Total Expenditure			4809 19 8
Total			4809 19 8

I hereby certify that the foregoing are correct Accounts for the Year ended 31st March, 1910.

As witness my hand this 18th day of April, 1910.

GEO. PURVEY,

Clerk of the Asylum.

BRIGHTON COUNTY BOROUGH ASYLUM, HAYWARDS HEATH.

BALANCE STATEMENT for the Quarter ending 31st March, 1910.

MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT.

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
DEBITS.				
Invoice Account—Sundry Tradesmen	3175	4 4		
Private Patients paid in advance	33	13 7		
Cheques drawn but not paid in, viz. :—				
Pellerin and others	621	4 5	3830	2 4
Balance as per last Quarter's Statement	6142	5 3		
Add :—Income in Excess of Expenditure				
this Quarter	1019	15 7	7162	0 10
			£10992	3 2
ASSETS.				
Due from Guardians of Poor Law Unions			4690	10 5
within the Borough			23	3 5
Other Poor Law Unions			49	10 0
Treasurer of the Borough			1452	19 1
Treasurers of other Asylums			8	10 1
Farm Sales			81	16 1
Stores' Sundry Sales			4	16 4
Rents and Fines			12	17 2
Boro' Treasurer (Rebate)			11	11 8
Building and Repair Fund			6335	14 3
Cash in Banker's hands			4266	0 0
" Clerk's hands			390	8 11
			£10992	3 2

BUILDING AND REPAIR FUND ACCOUNT.

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
DEBITS.				
Due to Maintenance A/c			11	11 8
To Balance as per last Quarter's Statement			9502	17 9
Add :—Income in Excess of Expenditure				
this Quarter			324	17 11
			£9839	7 4
ASSETS.				
Due from Borough Treasurer on Account of				
Repairs			336	9 7
Cash in Banker's hands			9502	17 9
			£9839	7 4

Submitted to the Finance Committee this 23rd day of April, 1910.
(Signed) W. BOTTING.

Examined 22nd April, 1910.

H. M. STEVENS, *Borough Accountant.*

GEO. PURVEY, *Clerk of the Asylum.*

BRIGHTON COUNTY BOROUGH ASYLUM,
HAYWARDS HEATH.

Dr. Farm and Garden Accounts for the Year ending 31st March, 1910. Cr.

1909.—March 31st.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		1910.—March 31st.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
To Estimated Value of						By Sale of—					
Live Stock.....						4 Cows					
Estimated Value of						8 Calves					
Dead Stock						40 Pigs					
Estimated Value of						Hides and Skins					
Tenant's Valuation						Potatoes					
Estimated Value of						Wool					
Provender						Hay					
		217 19 6				16 3 5					
				2292 1 8						246 12 1	
1910.—March 31st.						By Produce supplied to House—					
To Purchase of—						6,670 lbs. Beef @ 3½d.,					
Labour—						4d. and 4¼d.					
Wages of Bailiff,						17,992 lbs. Pork @ 4d.,					
Gardener, Cowman,						4½d. and 4d.					
Carters, and other						3,464 lbs. Mutton @ 3½d.					
Servants employed						and 3¼d.					
on Farm and Garden						Bells, Livers, &c.					
		721 5 9				49 19 2				5 8 7	
				721 5 9						481 14 7	
Stock—Live and Dead						16,190 gals. Milk @ 9d.					
14 Cows						6,330 No. Eggs .. „ 1d.					
8 Steers.....						119 „ Poultry .. 2/6 ..					
64 Sheep						101 „ Rabbits .. 10d.					
1 Horse						2,168 bus. Cabbage .. 1/- ..					
8 Pigs						196½ „ Onions .. 2/- ..					
Implements						1,803 „ Potatoes.. 2/6 ..					
		58 7 8				108 8 0				19 13 0	
				694 10 2						225 7 6	
Provender—						13½ „ Peas .. „ 2/- ..					
Oil Cake						374 „ Beans .. „ 2/- ..					
Bran and Sharps						60 „ Carrots .. „ 2/- ..					
Calf Meal.....						574 „ Parsnips.. 2/- ..					
Oats						9 „ Turnips .. 10d.					
Barley and Maize.....						3,406 No. Cauliflowers					
Molassine.....						@ 1¼d.					
Straw						Other Vegetables					
Molascuit.....						Fruit and Rhubarb ...					
Grains						Vegetables and Fruit					
		55 8 6				21 5 8				28 18 2	
				757 17 11						34 12 7	
Seeds and Manures—						Fruit and Rhubarb ...					
Seeds, Manures & Lime						Vegetables and Fruit					
		173 16 3				18 12 5				18 12 5	
				173 16 3						559 7 11	
Other Payments—						Keep of House Horse ...					
Thrashing & Thatching						By Estimated Value of					
Sheep Shearing						Live Stock					
Railway Carriage.....						Estimated Value of					
Medicine and Shoeing						Dead Stock					
Valuation.....						Estimated Value of					
Fruit Trees						Tenant's Valuation					
Sundries						Estimated Value of					
		43 14 6				330 11 11				2682 9 4	
				141 9 0						246 12 1	
Rates and Taxes.....						Balance against Farm					
Estimated Rent on Land						.....				
		28 18 11				363 16 1				363 16 1	
				228 18 11						£5009 19 8	
				£5009 19 8						£5009 19 8	

Examined by the Farm Committee, 23rd April, 1910.

(Signed) E. J. REEVES (*Chairman*),

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

THE ESTABLISHMENT.

OFFICERS.

Medical Superintendent	£900	Furnished House, Coals, Vegetables, and Laundry.
Senior Assistant Medical Officer, £307 10s.		Lodging, Board, Washing and Attendance.
Junior Medical Officer	£225	
Chaplain	250	None.
Clerk of Asylum	260	
Assistant Clerk	110	
Storekeeper	170	House, Coals, and Gas.
Head Attendant (Male)	135	
Head Attendant (Female)	135	
Housekeeper	60	Lodging, Board, Washing, and Attendance.
Female Assistant Officer	40	
Total	...	11

ATTENDANTS AND SERVANTS.

MALES.		Ann. £ s.	FEMALES.		Ann. £ s.
*1 Organist and Schoolmaster	...	80 0	1 Day Nurse (Infirmary)	...	35 10
1 Hall Porter	...	47 10	2 " " "	...	33 10
*1 Night Attendant	...	75 0	1 " " "	...	30 10
*1 " " "	...	71 0	1 " " "	...	27 0
*1 " " "	...	67 0	2 " " "	...	24 0
*1 " " "	...	61 0	4 " " "	...	22 0
*1 " " "	...	59 0	2 " " "	...	21 0
2 Day Attendants	...	47 10	5 " " "	...	20 0
1 " " "	...	46 10	2 " " "	...	19 0
4 " " "	...	45 10	16 " " "	...	18 0
1 " " " (Farm)	...	45 10	1 Night Nurse	...	32 0
1 " " " (Dining Hall)	...	44 10	1 " " "	...	27 0
1 " " " (House)	...	43 10	2 " " "	...	22 0
1 " " " (Bath)	...	42 10	1 " " "	...	21 0
1 " " "	...	41 10	1 " " "	...	20 0
1 " " "	...	41 10	1 Dining Hall Maid	...	31 10
1 " " "	...	41 10	1 Seamstress	...	28 0
1 " " "	...	39 10	1 Cook	...	30 0
1 " " "	...	36 10	1 Laundry Maid (Head)	...	30 0
1 " " "	...	36 0	1 " " "	...	21 10
1 " " "	...	35 0	3 " " "	...	20 0
1 " " "	...	34 0	3 House Maids	...	18 0
1 " " "	...	33 10	3 Kitchen Maids	...	18 0
3 " " "	...	33 0	1 Hall Porter's Wife	...	Board only.
2 " " "	...	32 0			
6 " " "	...	31 0			
1 " " "	...	30 0			
4 " " "	...	29 0			

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The Male Attendants are allowed one day's leave in 9. Married Attendants are allowed £3 per annum in lieu of washing, £6 10s. per annum for lodging money, and 1s. per day in lieu of rations during absence from sickness. The Female Attendants are allowed one day off duty every 11 days, and an annual holiday of 14 days. All Attendants and Servants have uniform, and 10 or 14 days' leave granted during the year, and board wages at 1s. 6d. per day paid during this leave. Bandsmen are paid £1 per year, with an additional 1s. for every performance or practice at which they play.

* Are neither boarded nor lodged.

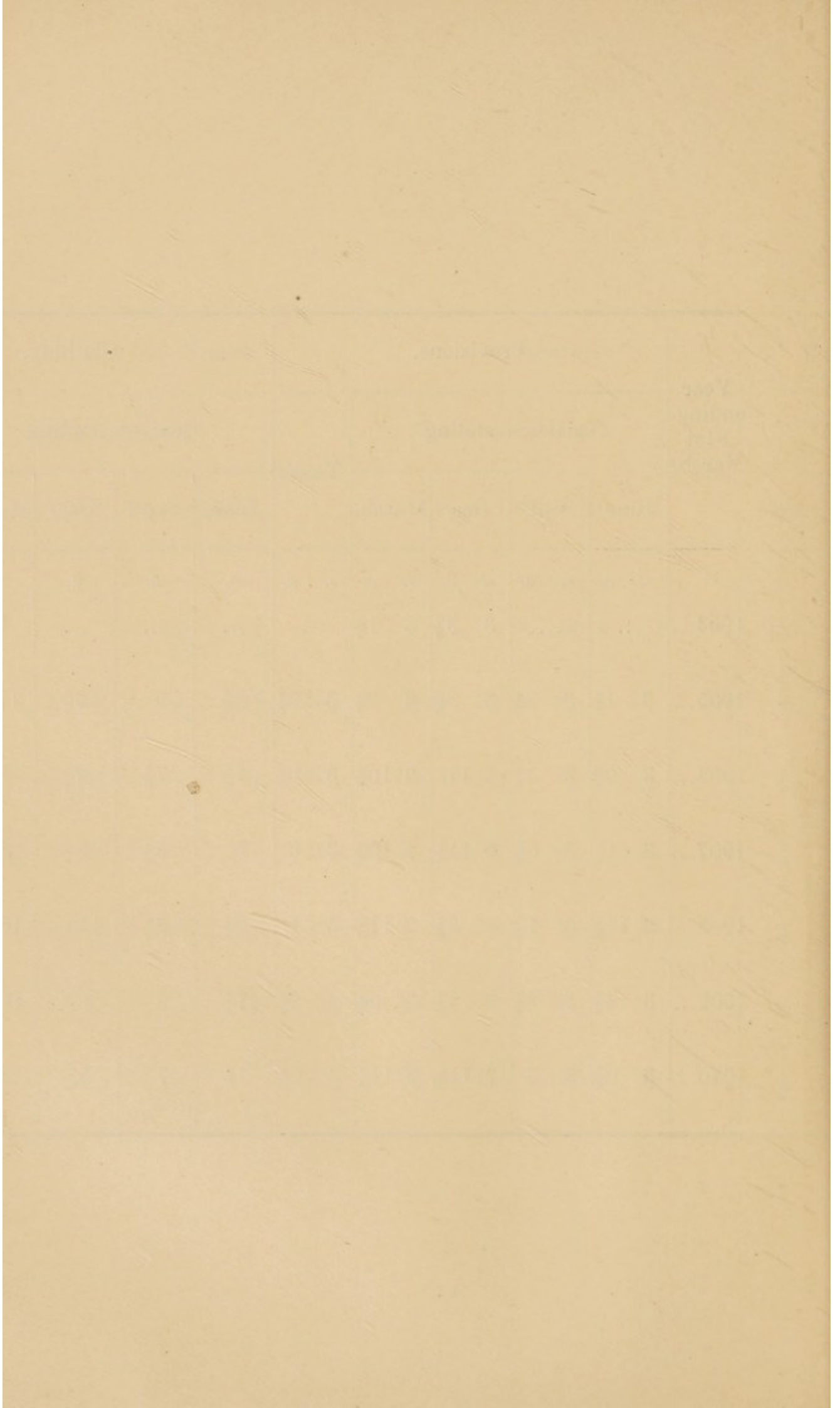
ARTISANS, &c.

2 Bricklayers	Wk £1 10 0	1 Fitter	Wk £1 8 0
1 " (Labourer)	1 1 10	1 Garden Labourer	19 10
1 " (Temporary)	1 2 0	1 " " "	18 0
1 Baker	1 6 11	1 General Labourer and Sweep	1 5 0
1 " " "	1 5 11	1 " " " (Temporary)	1 5 0
1 Basket-maker	1 7 10	1 House Carter	1 2 10
1 Butcher	1 6 11	1 Matmaker	1 5 10
1 Cabinet-maker	1 12 10	1 Painter and Glazier	1 11 10
1 Carpenter	1 11 10	1 Painter	1 7 10
1 " " "	1 10 10	2 " (Temporary)	1 7 0
1 Carter	1 1 11	2 Stokers	1 6 0
1 " " "	1 1 0	1 Shoemaker	1 5 0
1 " (Assistant)	12 0	1 Store Porter	1 6 10
1 Cowman	1 2 11	1 Sewage Labourer	18 0
1 " Assistant	19 0	1 Stockman	17 0
1 Florist	1 5 0	1 Tailor	1 6 10
1 Bailiff	Wk £1 10 0		
1 Front Ground Labourer	1 0 10		
1 Gardener	1 5 5		
1 Engineer	2 1 5		
1 Blacksmith	1 5 0		

Made up on 31st March, 1910.

Officers	11	} Total of Staff	151
Attendants and Servants	100		
Artisans, &c.	40		

GEO. PURVEY, Clerk of the Asylum.



THE
MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

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

The Admissions during the year ending September 30th, 1909, have been—Males, 82; Females, 73; Total, 155.

The Discharges during the year have been—Males, 26; Females, 36; Total, 62.

The Deaths during the same period have been—Males, 31; Females, 30; Total, 61.

The Average Number Daily Resident during the year has been—Males, 301; Females, 431; Total, 732.

The Numbers in the Asylum this day, 30th September, 1909, are—Males, 312; Females, 435; Total, 747.

They are chargeable as follows :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
To Brighton Parish	243	341	584
To the portion of Steyning Union included in the County Borough of Brighton	26	38	64
To the County Borough of Brighton	3	3	6
To Out-County Unions	2	5	7
Private Patients	10	18	28
Patients under Contract— West Ham	28	30	58

The total number of patients chargeable to Brighton and to the Steyning Union has increased by 21, viz., an increase of Males, 22; and a decrease of Female, 1.

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, 78; Females, 68; Total, 146.

Of the Admissions, 139 in number (excluding transfers from other Asylums), 8 per cent. less of the Males were deemed curable, the percentage of the Females remaining unchanged. Excluding transfers from other Asylums, the percentage of those discharged as recovered within the year is $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. less than last year.

TABLE I.—SHEWING THE EXPECTANCY OF RECOVERY ON ADMISSION.

Sex.	Number.	Good.	Fair.	Bad or Hopeless.	Actively Suicidal.
Males	72	4	27	41	18
Females	67	10	17	40	10

TABLE II.—SHEWING THE AGES ON ADMISSION.

	0—5.	5—15.	15—35.	35—55.	55—75.	75 and upwards
Males	1	21	30	19	1
Females	20	27	17	3

TABLE III.—SHEWING THE FORM OF MENTAL DISORDER OF THE YEAR'S ADMISSIONS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Insanity with Epilepsy	3	2	5
Idiocy without Epilepsy .....	...	...	...
„ with Epilepsy .....	...	...	...
Imbecility without Epilepsy..	3	2	5
„ with Epilepsy	1	1	2
General Paralysis.....	7	1	8
Dementia	10	6	16
Mania	23	34	57
Melancholia	25	21	46
TOTAL	72	67	139

TABLE IV.—SHEWING THE FURTHER HISTORY OF
THE YEAR'S ADMISSIONS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Discharged Recovered.....	6	13	19
„ to Care of Friends	3	...	3
„ Relieved	1	1	2
Out of the Asylum—On Trial	...	...	...
Transferred to other Asylums	5	2	7
Died	12	5	17
Remain in Asylum	45	46	91
Total	72	67	139

The Discharges were 62, of whom 26 were Males and 36 Females.

Of the 26 Males who were discharged, 13 had recovered, this being a percentage of 18.0 on the admissions, excluding transfers, 6 were discharged to the care of friends, 7 were removed to other Asylums.

Of the 36 Females who were discharged, 24 had recovered, this being a percentage of 35.8 on the admissions, excluding transfers, 7 were discharged to the care of friends, 4 were transferred to other Asylums, and one discharged relieved to Workhouse.

Sixty-one deaths occurred, viz., 31 Males, 30 Females. The death rate, based on the average daily number resident, is Males, 10.3; Females, 7.0. For both sexes 8.3 per cent. Of the total deaths 3 were due to phthisis,

10 to bronchitis or pneumonia, 13 to heart disease, 6 to nephritis, 14 to general paralysis, 4 to old age, and the remaining 11 to various forms of brain disease or other constitutional disorder.

TABLE V.—AGES AT DEATH.

	0—5	5—15	15—35	35—55	55—75	75 and upwds	Total deaths.
Males	3	16	10	2	31
Females	1	11	12	6	30
Total	4	27	22	8	61

The Mean Age at Death for both sexes was 55.5 years—Males, 51.9; Females, 59.1.

The Coroner held an inquest concerning the death of one patient, a Male, who died six weeks after admission into the Asylum; the patient previous to his admission having taken spirits of salts. The jury returned a verdict that death was due to exhaustion, the result of catarrh of the stomach, caused by taking spirits of salts with intent to destroy his life, and that he did commit suicide whilst suffering from commencing mental derangement.

Beyond a few cases of Influenza which occurred amongst the Male patients, the Asylum has been free from infectious disease.

The accidents, three in number, involving fractures of bones, in no case terminated fatally. The cause of the fracture, in the case of two Female patients, was

a fall in an epileptic fit, one patient breaking her lower jaw, the other her right collar bone. The third accident also occurred to a Female patient, who fell out of bed, fracturing her right forearm.

The escapes have been two in number, both being men from the parties working on the garden or farm. Both were brought back to the Asylum after a short absence.

The Commissioners in Lunacy paid two visits to the Asylum during the year, viz., on the 18th November, 1908, and on the 14th July, 1909. In September an Inspector from the Home Office inspected the industrial parts of the Asylum, under the Factory and Workshops Act of 1907.

Committees of the Brighton Guardians have visited their patients, and have expressed approval of their condition.

The Contracts with the West Ham Asylum Authorities, expiring last November and January, have been extended for a further period of three years. Arrangements are now being made with the Middlesex Asylum Authorities at Napsbury and Wandsworth for the reception of 50 Male and 50 Female patients into this Asylum under contract.

The work of re-decoration of the Wards, Dormitories and Single Rooms, and of renewing the steps of the Staircases on both sides of the Asylum has been proceeded with.

A new system of electric fire alarm has been installed.

The drains of the cottages occupied by members of the Staff, on the Asylum property near the Entrance Gates, have been connected with the sewer of the local Authority.

A new Fire Escape has been purchased.

The conduct of the Staff, with a few exceptions, has been good, and the changes amongst them not more numerous than usual.

The only change amongst the Staff of Officers was the retirement of Dr. Wood, the Second Assistant Medical Officer, who left in order to go into private practice. The loss of this reliable and popular officer was much regretted. The number of patients in the Asylum having decreased, owing to the removal of patients under contract, you did not consider it advisable to fill the vacant post.

Your Medical Superintendent wishes to express to Dr. Planck, the Senior Assistant Medical Officer, and the other members of the Staff of Officers, most of whom have been in the service of the Asylum for many years, his thanks for the great assistance he continues to receive from them in the work of the Institution.

For your continued kindness and confidence your Medical Superintendent offers you his grateful thanks.

EDWARD B. C. WALKER, M.D.,

Medical Superintendent.

September 30th, 1909.

THE CHAPLAIN'S ANNUAL REPORT.

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

The Wards, Workshops and Infirmaries have been regularly visited during the year, and special visits have been paid to the sick on Sundays and after the daily prayers.

The Schools for male and female patients were carried on during the Winter Months, those for men being especially well attended.

575 books have been purchased for the Library and 520 have been distributed to the Wards. Owing to the smaller numbers in the Asylum the shelves in the Chaplain's office and in the wards are now better filled.

There have been 61 deaths during the year, and 25 burials in the Asylum Cemetery.

During the Chaplain's holiday in September the duties were undertaken by the Rev. E. B. Hill, M.A., who acted in the same capacity last year.

(Signed) E. R. D. LITTLE, M.A.

September 30th, 1909.

STATISTICAL TABLES

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1909.

TABLE A 1.

General Table, shewing the movement of the Asylum Population during the Year 1909.

	Certified Patients.					
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
On the Asylum Registers, Jan. 1st, 1909	297	430	727			
Total Cases Admitted during the Year	122	129	251			
Total Cases under Treatment during the Year				419	559	978
Cases Discharged or Trans- ferred during the Year—						
Recovered	12	23	35			
Relieved	9	8	17			
Not Improved.....	7	8	15			
Died during the Year	29	31	60			
Total Cases Discharged, Transferred and Died during the Year				57	70	127
On the Asylum Registers, Dec. 31st, 1909				362	489	851
Average Daily Number on the Registers during the Year...				310	438	748

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 ...	415	556	971
,, Admitted	120	128	248
,, Recovered	12	23	35

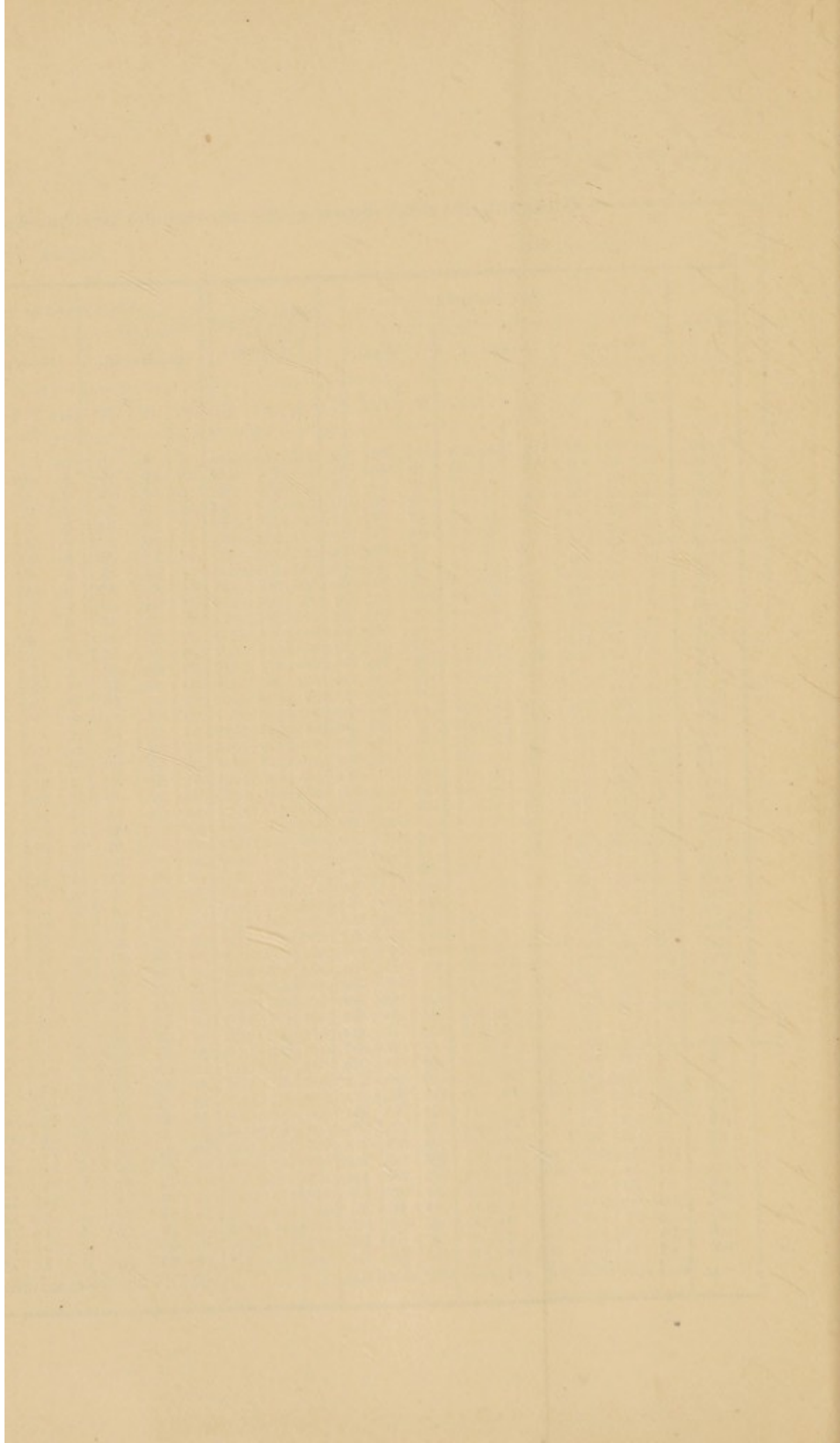


TABLE B 1.

Analysis of the Admissions during the Year 1909.

Classes of Admissions.	Congenital.			Acquired.									Total.		
	M.	F.	T.	First Attack.			Not First Attack.			Unknown whether First Attack or not.			M.	F.	T.
				M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.			
Direct	2	3	5	47	45	92	10	19	29	4	4	8	63	71	134
Indirect {	4	3	7	37	35	72	14	12	26	3	8	11	58	58	116
Statutory Re-Admissions .....	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Total Admissions.....	6	6	12	85	80	165	24	31	55	7	12	19	122	129	251

TABLE B 2.

Showing the Duration of the present attack of Mental Disorder on Admission in the Admissions during the Year 1909, distinguishing between the Direct and the Transfers, and stating (in those not Congenital) whether First Attack or not.

Duration of Mental Disorder prior to Admission.	Direct Admissions.										Total.		
	First attack.			Not first attack.			Unknown whether first attack or not.			M.	F.	T.	
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.				
Less than 2 weeks	4	6	10	...	5	5	...	1	1	1	4	12	16
2 weeks and less than 1 month	3	10	13	6	5	11	1	...	1	1	10	15	25
1 month	10	12	22	1	5	6	...	...	...	...	11	17	28
3 months	5	2	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	7
6 "	5	7	12	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	6	7	13
9 "	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	1	1	1	2	3
12 "	3	1	4	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	4	2	6
18 "	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3
2 years	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	3
3 "	5	2	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	7
5 "	2	2	4	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	3	5
10 "	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2
15 "	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
20 "	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Duration unknown	1	...	1	1	1	2	3	2	5	5	2	3	8
Congenital Cases .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	5
Totals.....	47	45	92	10	19	29	4	4	8	63	71	134	

TABLE B 3.

Showing the Ages and Civil State on Admission, in the Admissions, Direct and Transfers grouped together, and in the Congenital Cases of the Direct Admissions.

Classes of Admissions.	Ages on Admission.																												Total.																														
	Average Ages.			Less than 10 years of age.			10-14.			15-19.			20-24.			25-29.			30-34.			35-39.			40-44.			45-49.				50-54.			55-59.			60-64.			65-69.			70-74.			75-79.			80-89.			90 and over.						
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.
Total Admissions—Direct and Transfers Grouped.....	43	43	43	1	...	1	2	6	8	5	11	16	7	14	21	16	7	23	14	16	30	19	17	36	18	14	32	16	16	32	14	8	22	3	6	9	4	7	11	1	5	6	2	2	4	122	129	251		
Congenital Cases—A. Direct	39	23	30	1	2	3	...	1	1	1	...	1	2	3	5					
.. —B. Transfers	44	25	37	2	2	2	...	2	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	4	3	7					

Classes of Admissions.	Civil State.											
	Single.			Married.			Widowed.			Unknowns.		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Total Admissions—Direct and Transfers Grouped.....	64	79	143	48	35	83	9	14	23	1	1	2
Congenital Cases—A. Direct	1	3	4	1	...	1
.. —B. Transfers	4	3	7

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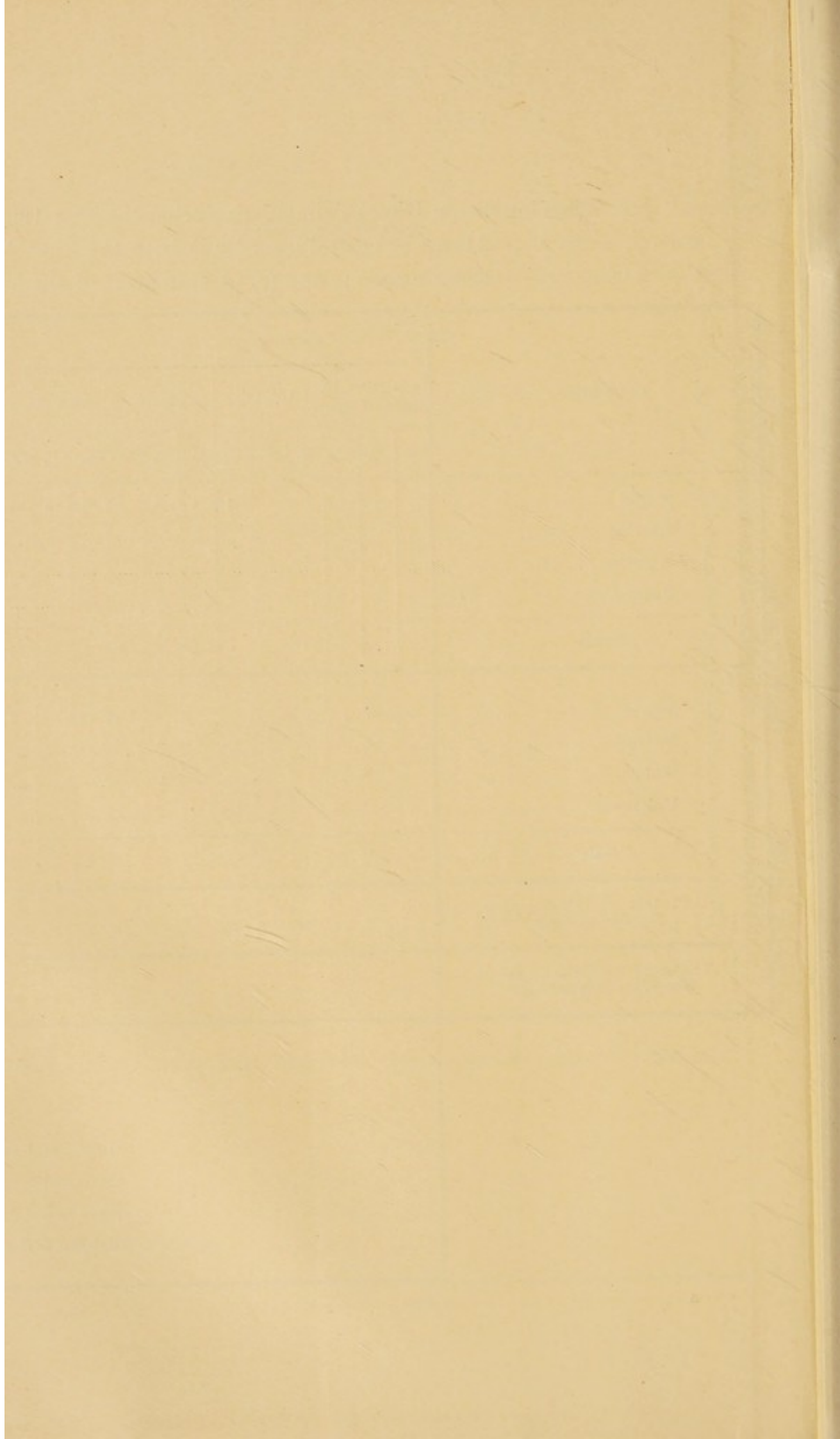


TABLE B 5.—Showing the Form of Mental Disorder on Admission in the Direct Admissions and Transfers during the Year 1909.

Forms of Mental Disorder.	Direct Admissions.			Transfers.			Total.		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
1. Intellectual { <i>a</i> . With Epilepsy { <i>b</i> . Without Epilepsy	2 3	2 3	4 6	1 6	4 3	5 9	3 9	6 6	9 15
2. Moral	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1. Insanity with Epilepsy	3	3	6	4	3	7	7	6	13
2. General Paralysis of the Insane	8	2	10	...	...	...	8	2	10
3. Insanity with Grosser Brain Lesions	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4. Acute Delirium	1	1	2	...	...	...	1	1	2
5. Confusional Insanity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6. Stupor	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. Primary Dementia	15	27	42	4	1	5	19	28	47
8. Mania { <i>a</i> . Recent { <i>b</i> . Chronic	3	2	5	22	27	49	25	29	54
{ <i>c</i> . Recurrent	2	1	3	1	1	2	3	1	4
9. Melancholia { <i>a</i> . Recent { <i>b</i> . Chronic	13	25	38	1	5	6	14	30	44
{ <i>c</i> . Recurrent	4	2	6	5	1	6	9	1	10
10. Alternating Insanity	2	2	4	...	...	...	2	2	4
11. Delusional Insanity { <i>a</i> . Systematised { <i>b</i> . Non-systematised	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1
12. Volitional Insanity { <i>a</i> . Impulse { <i>b</i> . Obsession { <i>c</i> . Doubt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13. Moral Insanity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14. Dementia { <i>a</i> . Senile { <i>b</i> . Secondary	7	1	8	14	13	27	21	15	36
Totals	63	71	134	59	58	117	122	129	251

Congenital or infantile mental deficiency (idiotcy or imbecility) occurring as early in life as it can be observed.

Insanity occurring later in life.

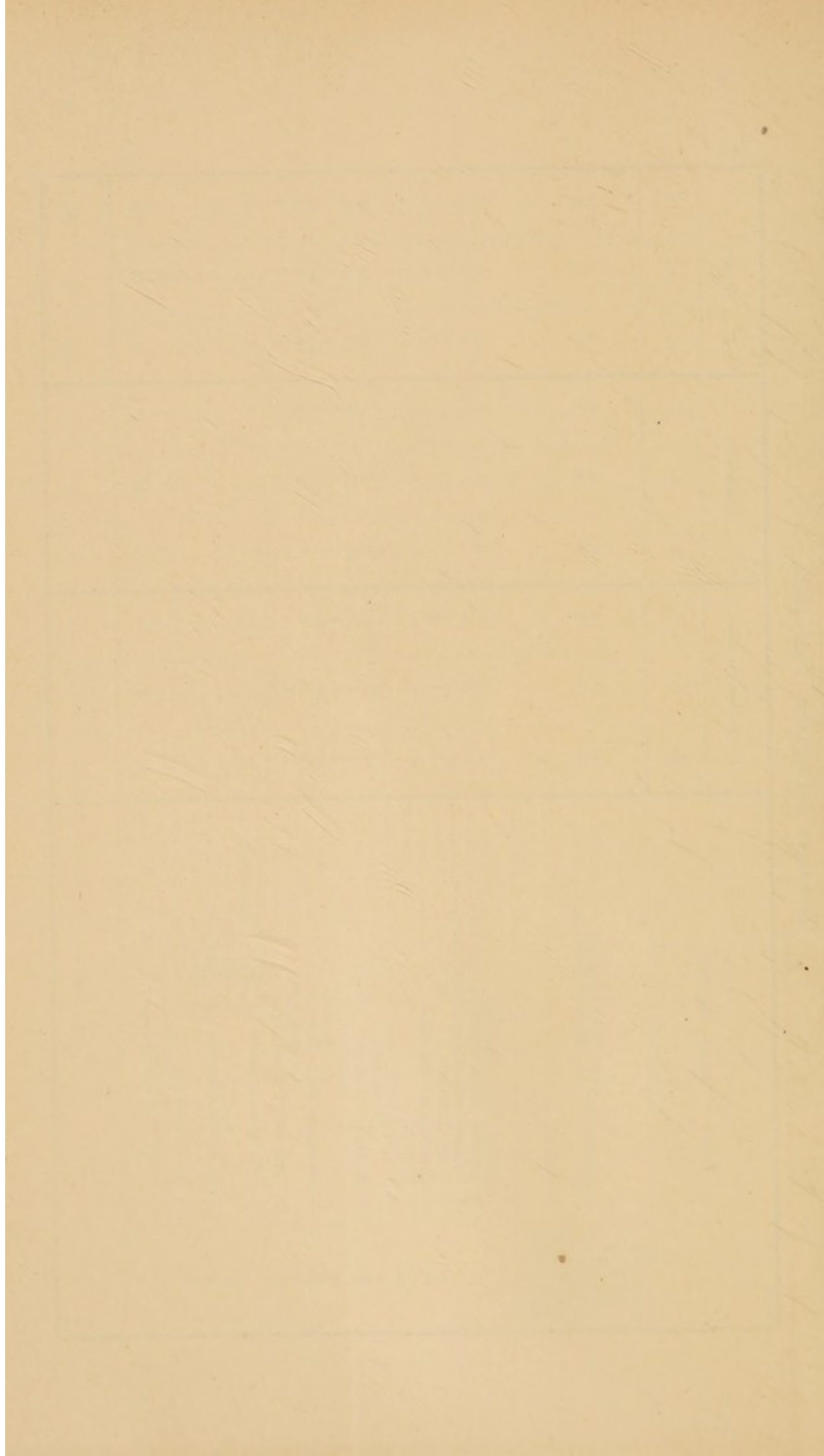
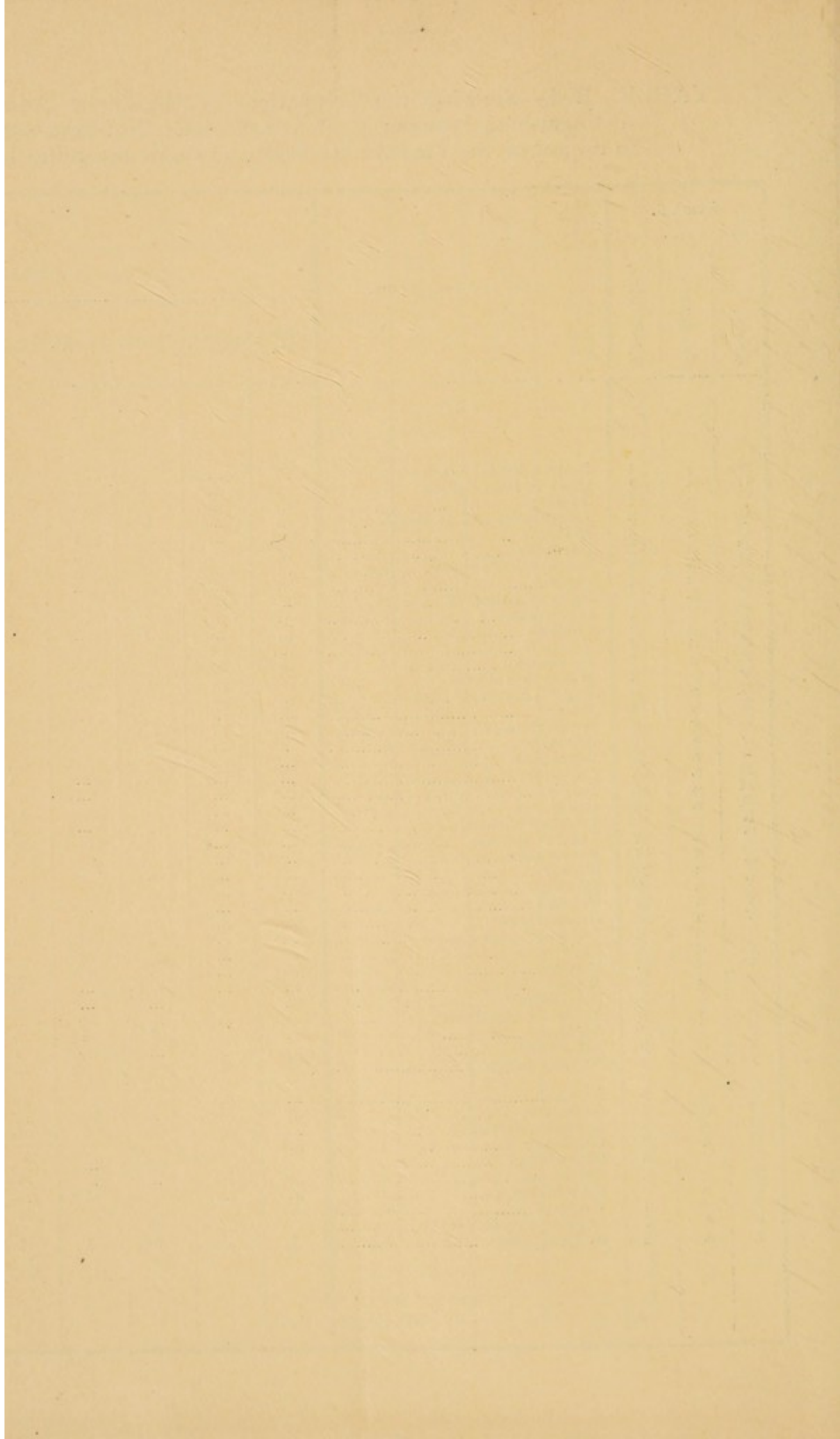


TABLE B 6.—Showing the Occupations of the Direct Admissions, excluding the Congenital Cases, during the Year 1909, distinguishing between First-Attack Cases, Not-First-Attack Cases, and Cases Unknown-whether-First-Attack-or-not; and, in respect of the First-Attack Cases, arranged according to the Age at Commencement of the Mental Disorder.

Symbol.			Name of Occupations.	First Attack Cases.											Total.	Not-First-Attack Cases.		Unknown-whether-First-Attack-or-not.		Total Direct Admissions, excluding Congenital Cases.																								
Group.	Sub-group.	Sub-division.		Age at commencement of the Mental Disorder.												M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	T.																						
				Under 10.	10-14.	15-19.	20-24.	25-34.	35-44.	45-54.	55-64.	65-74.	75 and upwards.	Not known.																														
B	a	1	Retired Military Officer													1										1		1																
C	a	1	Clerk in Holy Orders													1											1		1															
C	b	1	Solicitor																								1		1															
C	b	2	Law Stationer's Assistant																								1		1															
C	b	4	Musician																								1		1															
D	b	2	Gardener																								1		1															
D	b	2	Stockbroker's Clerk																								1		1															
E	b	1	Clerk																								1		1															
E	b	7	Railway Labourer																								1		1															
F	b	1	Stableman																								1		1															
F	b	2	Cabman																								1		1															
F	b	3	Vanman																								1		1															
F	c	1	Ex-Seaman																								1		1															
F	c	3	Warehouse Porter																								1		1															
K	c	5	Smith's Labourer																								1		1															
K	c	6	Fitter																								1		1															
K	g	6	Iron Trimmer																								1		1															
L	a	1	Jeweller																								1		1															
L	a	3	Toymaker																								1		1															
L	a	2	Carpenter																								1		1															
M	a	12	Painter																								1		1															
M	a	14	Gas Fitter																								1		1															
M	a	2	French Polisher																								1		1															
N	a	3	Leather Dresser																								1		1															
Q	a	15	Shoemaker																								1		1															
T	a	20	Barber																								1		1															
T	a	2	Milkman																								1		1															
V	a	16	Grocer																								1		1															
V	a	17	Greengrocer																								1		1															
V	d	2	Lodging-house Keeper																								1		1															
V	d	4	Cellarman																								1		1															
V	d	5	Potman																								1		1															
V	d	6	Waiter																								1		1															
V	c	1	Storekeeper																								1		1															
X	c	4	Firewood Merchant																								1		1															
X	d	1	Labourer																								1		1															
X	d	3	Bill Poster																								1		1															
X	d	4	No Occupation																								1		1															
Y	a	3	No Occupation	1	1																						4		5															
C	a	5	Nurse																								1		1															
C	d	2	Governess																								1		1															
D	a	2	Domestic Servant																								2		5															
D	c	3	Caretaker																								1		1															
D	c	5	Charwoman																								1		1															
D	c	6	Laundress																								1		1															
T	a	9	Dressmaker																								1		1															
T	d	1	Waitress																								1		1															
V	d	2	Lodging House Keeper																								1		1															
Y	a	4	No Occupation	1																							3		4															
Totals																							47	45	10	19	4	4	61	68	129													



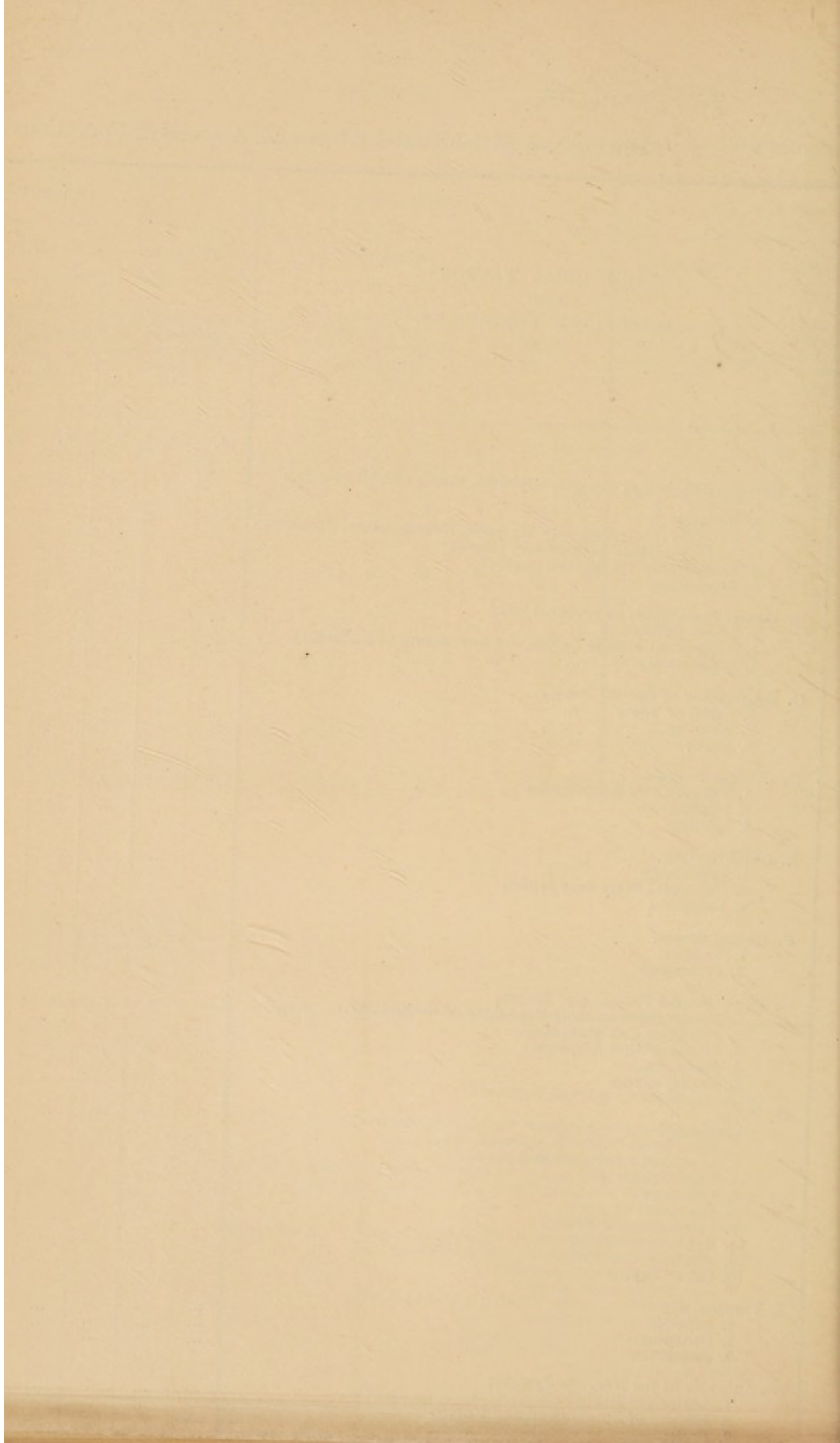
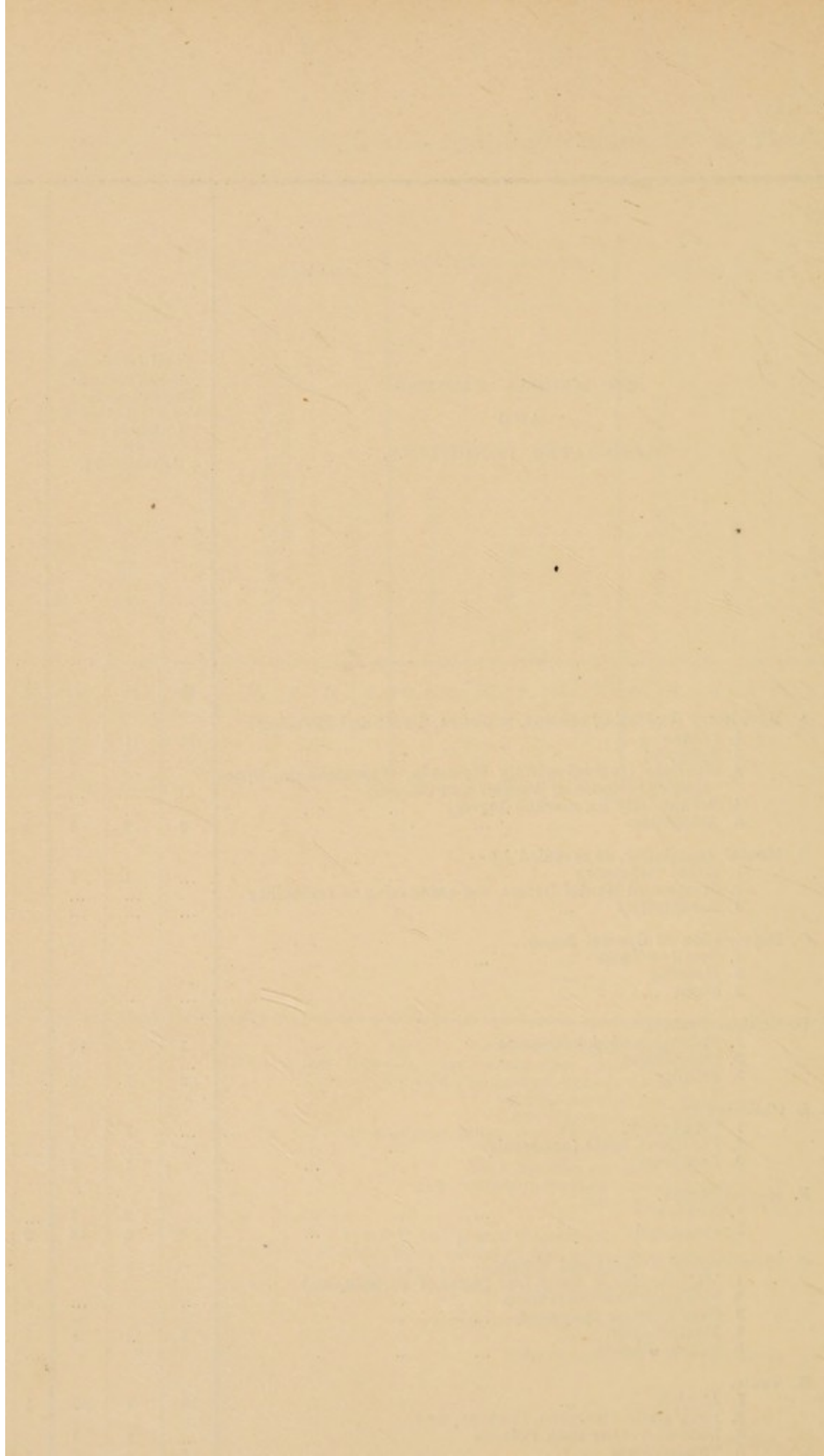


TABLE 28.—ETIOLOGICAL.—Showing, in respect of the First-Attack Cases of the Direct Admissions during the Year 1905, the full correlation existing between the various Etiological Factors and Associated Conditions assigned.

ETIOLOGICAL FACTORS AND ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS.	Total number of cases of the various forms of disease, etc., during the year 1905, etc.	The Total number of instances in which the factors were associated together, and the number of factors found associated with any given factor, in the First-Attack cases of the Direct Admissions.																								
		Sexes			Marital Condition		Preparation of System		Climate		Diet		Professions		Heredity		Season		Physiological Factors and States		Other		Diseases		Other	
		M.	F.	T.	Married.	Single.	Urban.	Rural.	Temperate.	Tropical.	Wet.	Dry.	High.	Low.	Artisan.	Professional.	Other.	Summer.	Winter.	Other.	Other.	Other.	Other.	Other.	Other.	
A. Symptoms involving nervous, respiratory, vascular and sleepless.	50	15	15	30	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	
B. Mental Incapacity, as recorded in—	100	50	50	100	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
C. Depression of Special Senses.	20	10	10	20	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
D. Chronic Disease.	30	15	15	30	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
E. Chronic Infection.	40	20	20	40	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
F. Mental States.	60	30	30	60	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30
G. Physiological Indications.	70	35	35	70	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
H. Trauma.	80	40	40	80	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40
I. Disorders of the Digestive System.	90	45	45	90	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45
J. Disorders of the Urinary System.	100	50	50	100	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50
K. Other Bodily Affections.	110	55	55	110	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	55

By the asterisk the factors in the same column of Table 27 have been reported to have been present.



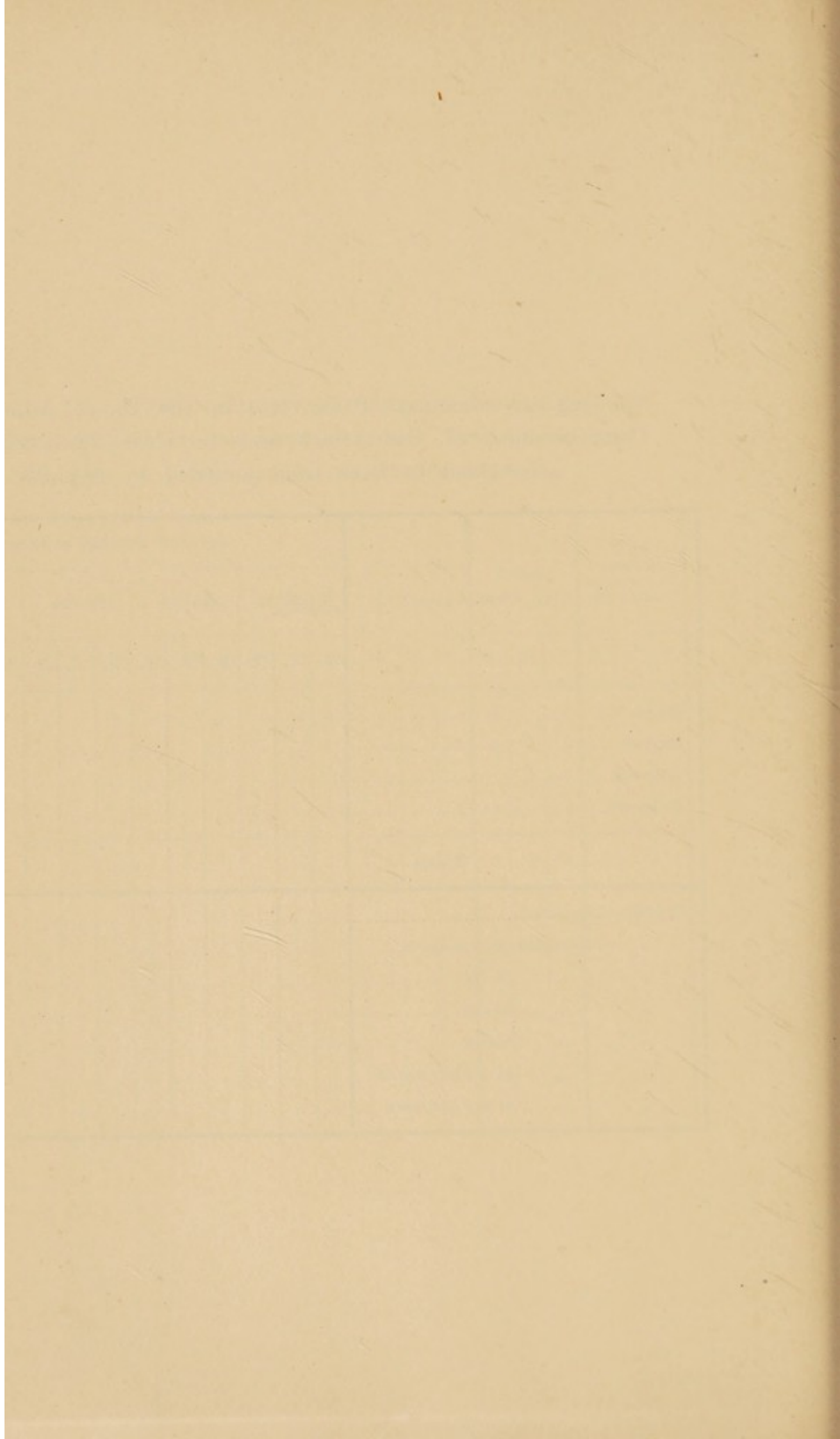


TABLE C 1.

An Analysis of the Discharges and Transfers during the Year 1909.

	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Discharged as Recovered.									
From Direct Admissions.									
First-Attack Cases	5	11	16						
Not-First-Attack Cases	3	8	11						
Cases unknown whether First-Attack or not.....	...	4	4						
Total from Direct Admissions.....				8	23	31			
From Transfers.									
First-Attack Cases	2	...	2						
Not-First-Attack Cases .....	...	...	...			
Cases unknown whether First-Attack or not.....	2	...	2						
Total from Transfers				4	...	4			
Total Discharged as Recovered							12	23	35
Discharged (not Recovered) as—									
Relieved	7	8	15	7	8	15	2	...	2
Not Improved.....	2	...	2						
Total	9	8	17						
Reasons for such Discharge.									
To go to Care of Friends	8	8	16						
„ Workhouse .....	...	...	...			
„ Metropolitan Asylum (England).....	...	...	...			
To be Boarded Out .....	...	...	...			
Statutory, by Irregularity in Reception Order.....	...	...	...			
„ by Lapsing of „ „	1	...	1						
Escaped.....	...	...	...			
Total	9	8	17						
Transferred as—									
Relieved	2	...	2	2	...	2	5	8	13
Not improved.....	5	8	13						
Total	7	8	15						
Destinations of such Transfers.									
To other Asylums, Reg. Hospitals, and Licensed Houses	7	8	15						
To “Single Care” .....	...	...	...			
Other Destination.....	...	...	...			
Total	7	8	15						
Total Discharged and Transferred as—									
Relieved				9	8	17			
Not Improved							7	8	15

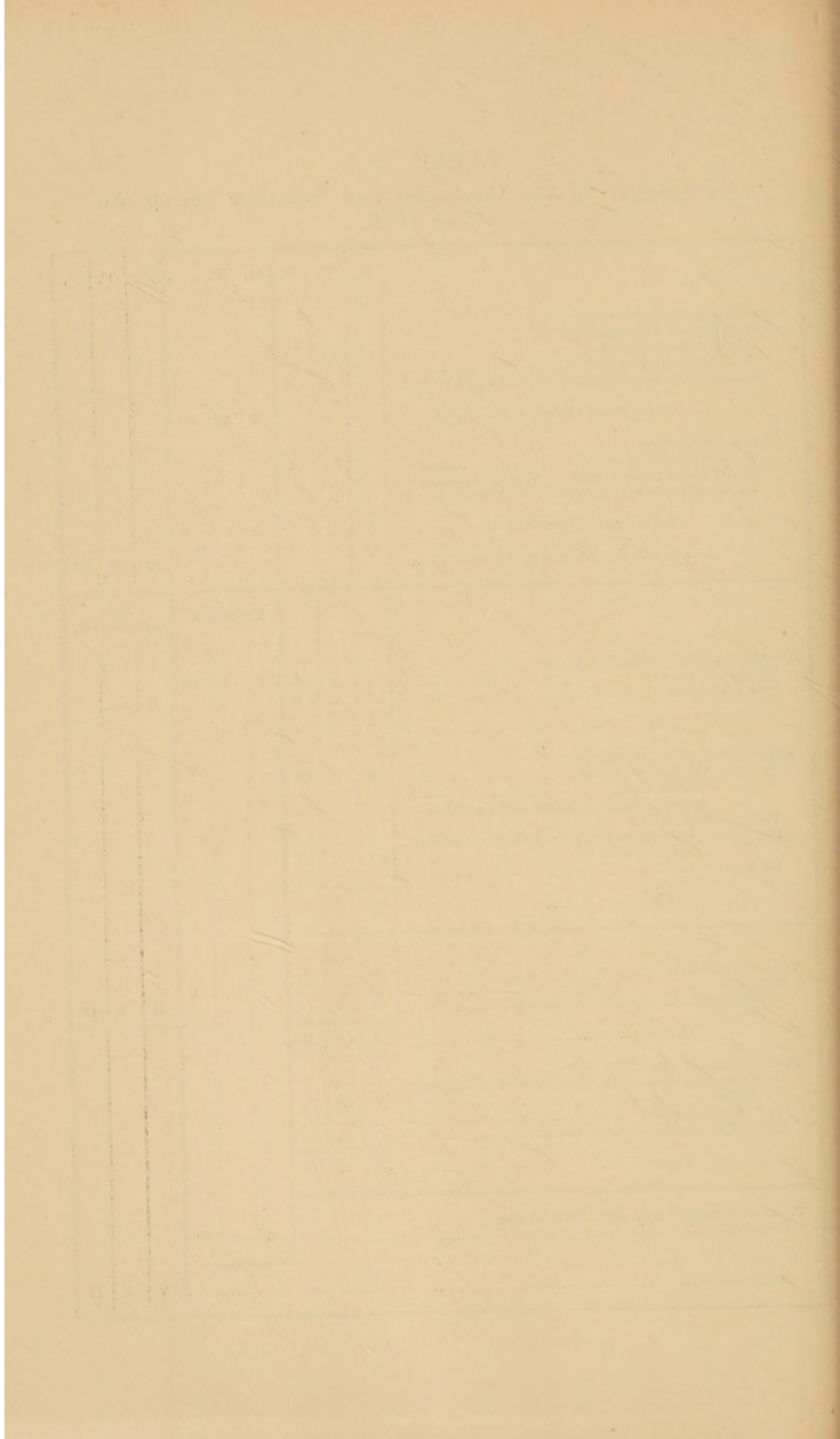


TABLE C 2.

Showing in the Total Cases Discharged Recovered during the Year 1909 the ages in Quinquennial Periods—(a) On Recovery, and (b) at the Commencement of the Recent Attack of Mental Disorder, arranged according to the Total Length of such Attack.

Age Periods... {	Less than 10.	10-14.		15-19.		20-24.		25-29.		30-34.		35-39.		40-44.		45-49.		50-54.		55-59.		60-64.		65-69.		70-74.		75-79.		Age Un-known.		Total.			
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	T.	
		Age on Recovery																																	
						3	5	1	1	2	3	1	1		5	1	2	2	3	2			2										12	23	35
Total Length of this Attack of Mental Disorder.		Age at Commencement of Recent Attack of Mental Disorder.																																	
Less than 1 month																																			
1 month and less than 3 months.....																																			
3 months " 6 "																																			
6 " " 9 "																																			
9 " " 12 "																																			
12 " " 18 "																																			
18 " " 2 years																																			
2 years " 3 "																																			
3 " " 5 "																																			
5 " " 10 "																																			
Duration unknown																																			
Totals.....																																			

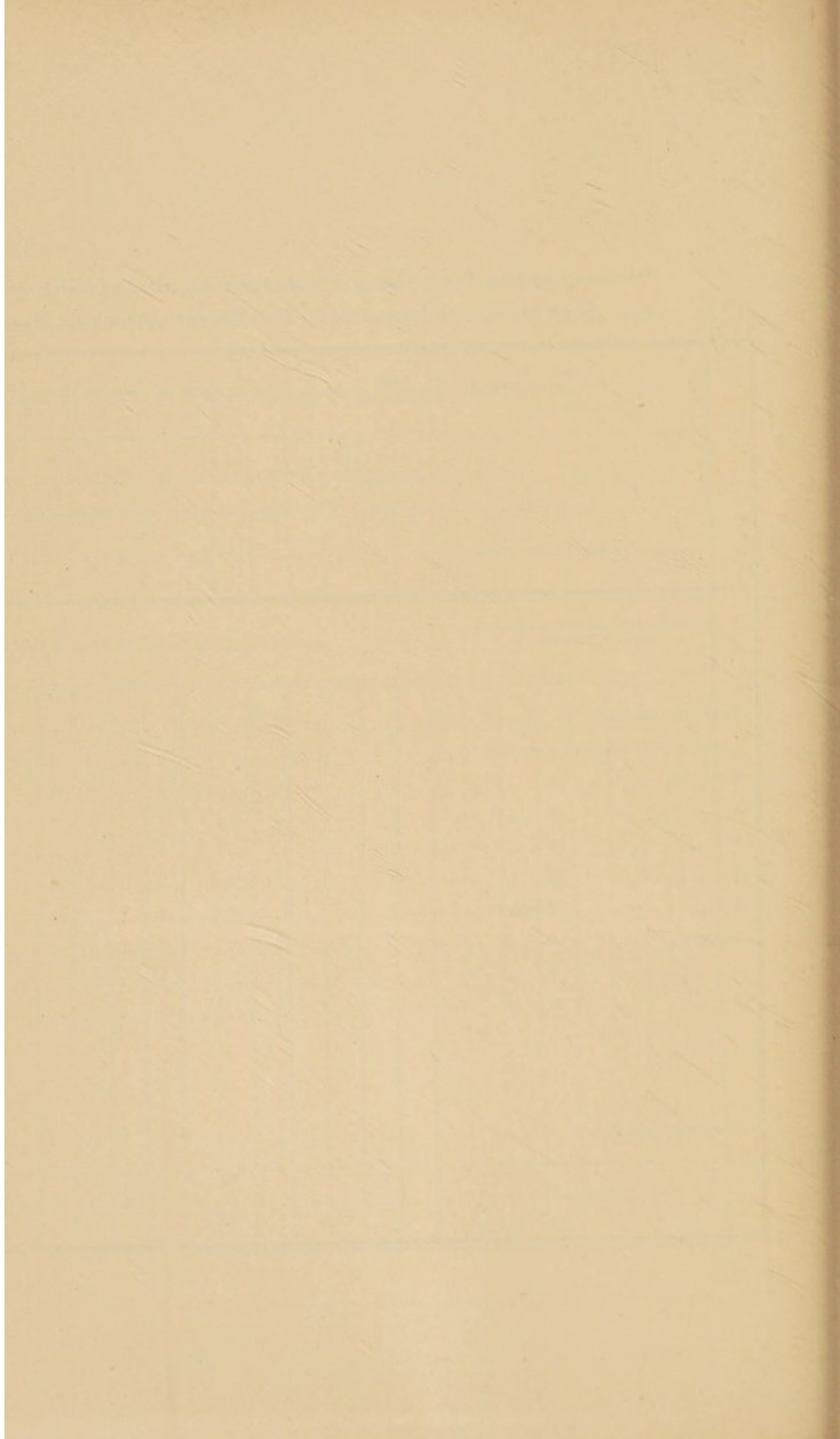
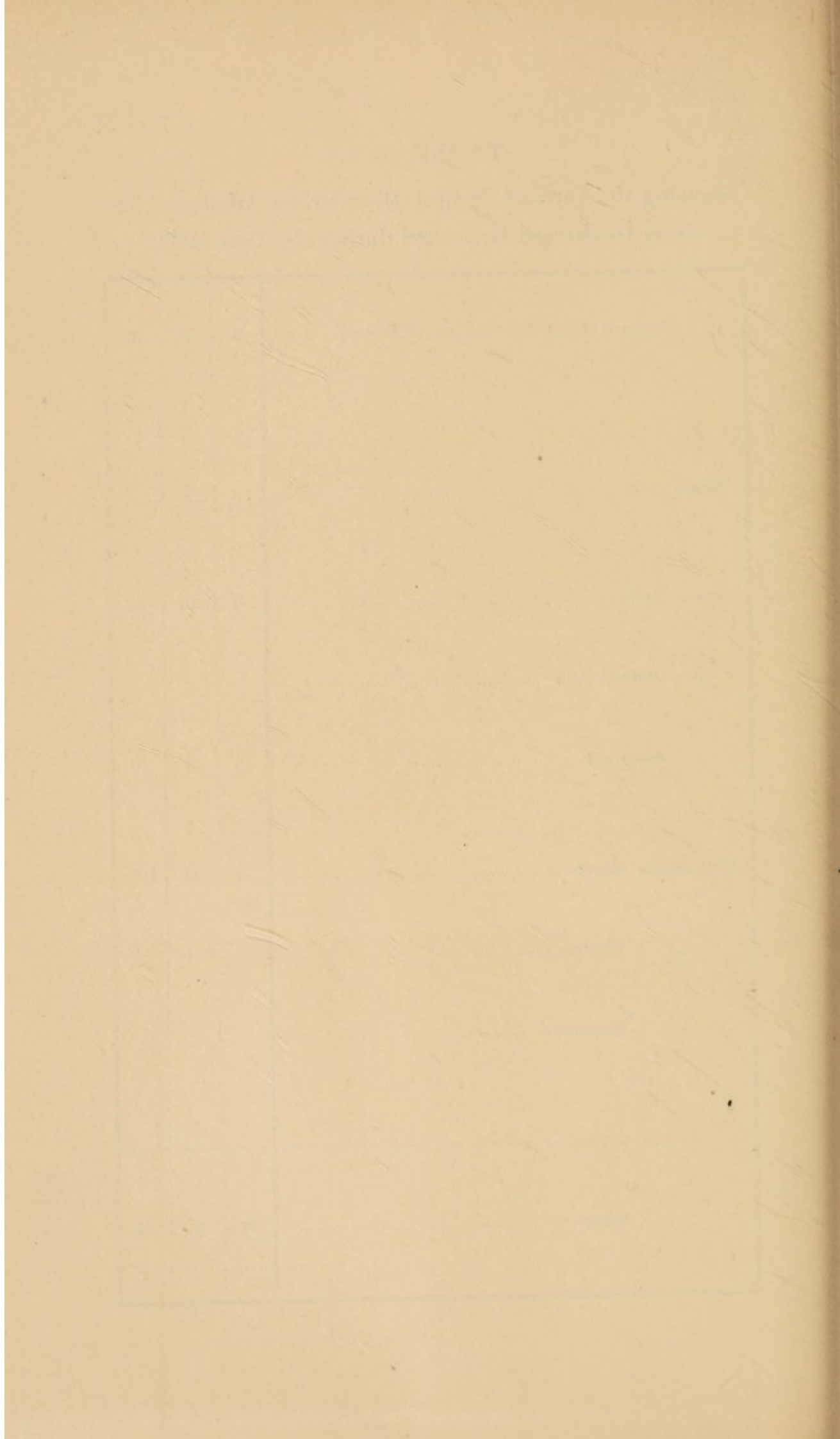


TABLE C 3.

Showing the Form of Mental Disorder, on Admission, in those Discharged Recovered during the Year 1909.

Forms of Mental Disorder (on Admission).	M.	F.	T.
Stupor	1	1	2
Mania—Recent	4	10	14
„ Chronic .....	...	...	...
„ Recurrent	2	1	3
Melancholia—Recent	5	10	15
„ Chronic.....	...	1	1
„ Recurrent .....	...	...	...
Totals	12	23	35



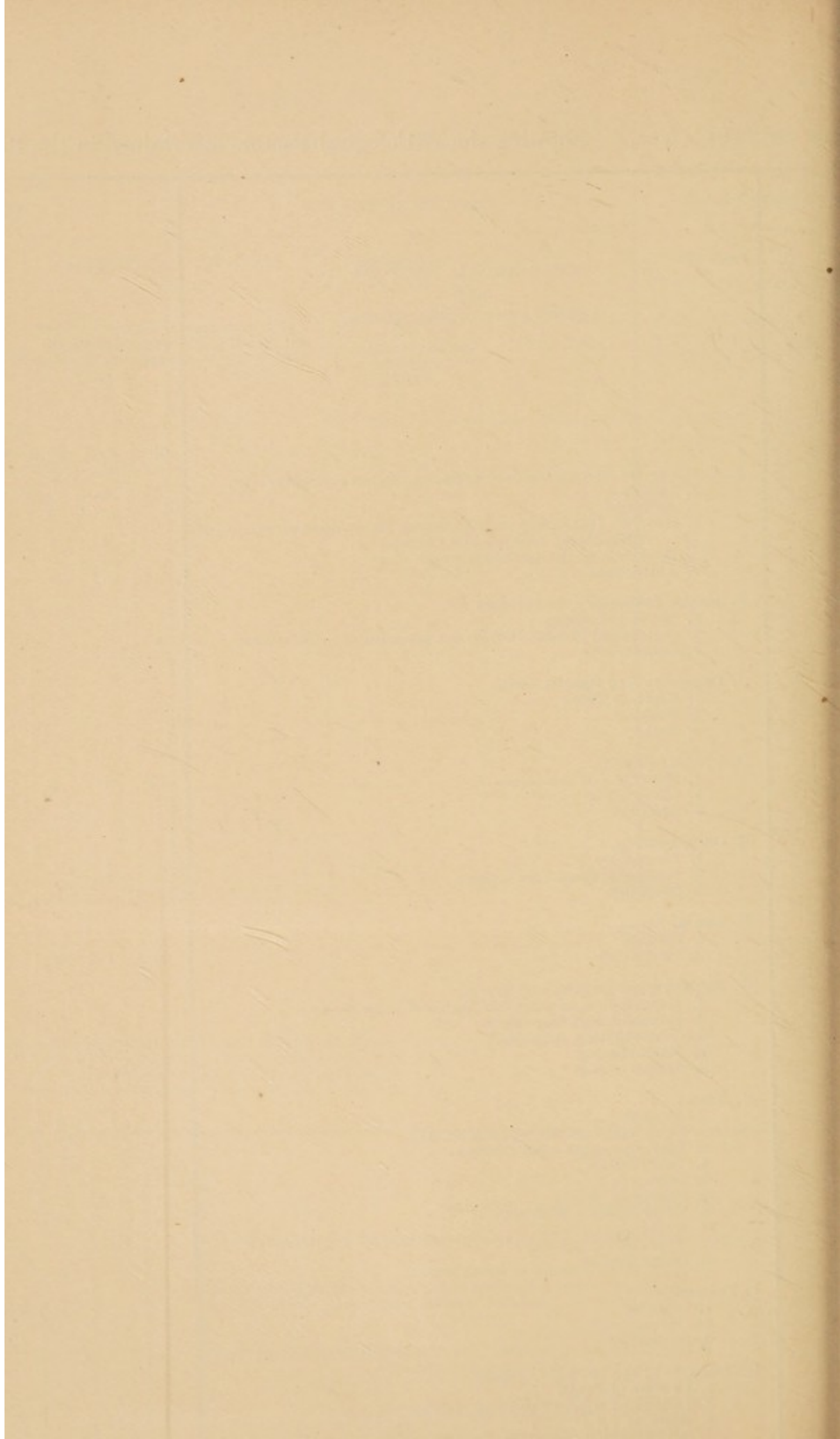
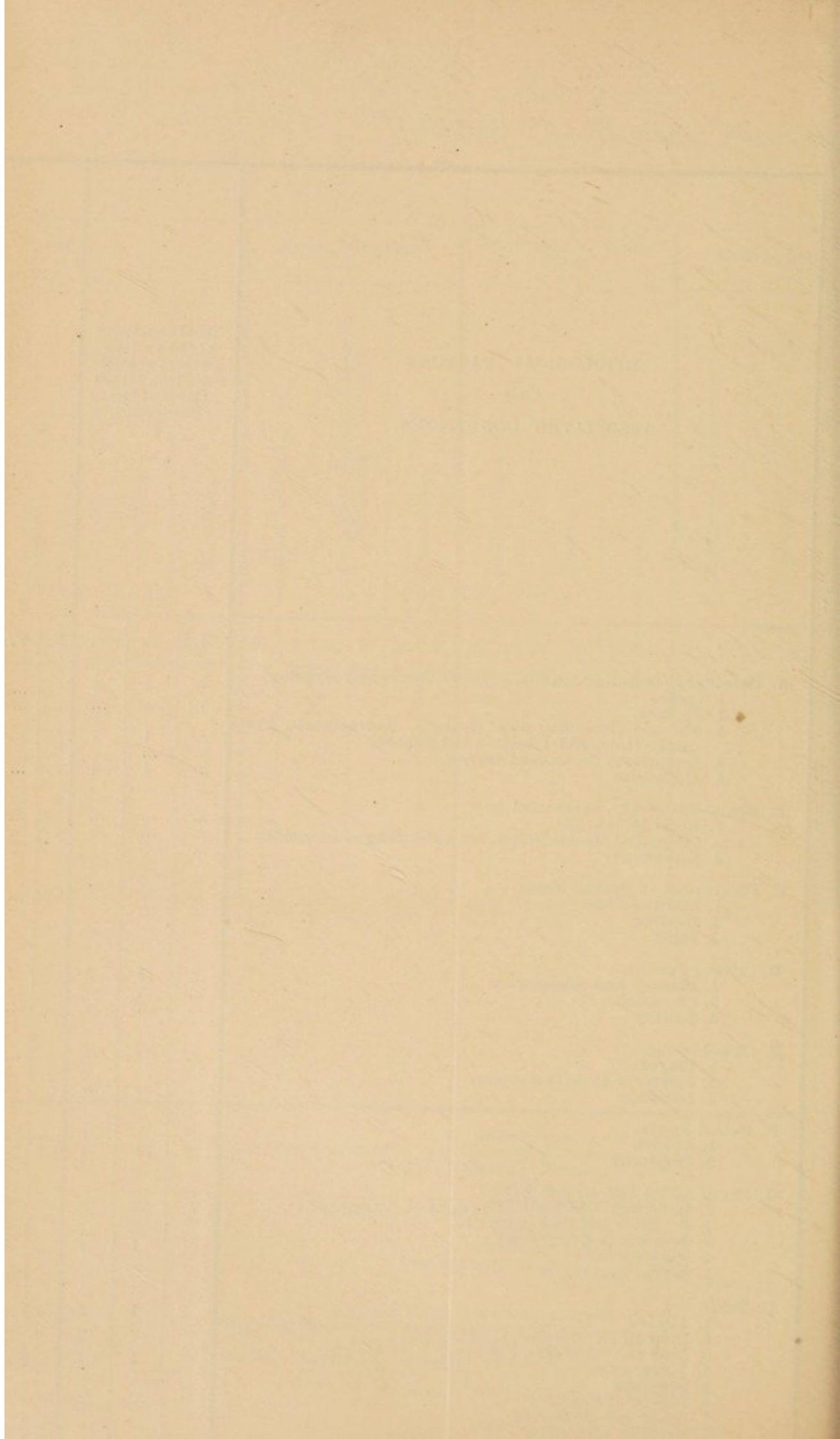


TABLE C 5.—Showing, in respect of the First-Attack Cases in the Recoveries during the Year 1909 the full correlation between the various Etiological Factors ascertained.

The total number of recoveries in any one given factor was ascertained together, and the number of factors found associated with any given factor, in the First-Attack cases of the Recoveries.

ETIOLOGICAL FACTORS AND ASSOCIATED CONDITIONS	Total number of recoveries in any one given factor		Number of factors found associated with any given factor	
	N.	P.	N.	P.
A. Rheumatism (including chronic, nodular, chronic and subacute):				
1. Chronic	11	11	11	11
2. Subacute	11	11	11	11
3. Chronic and subacute	11	11	11	11
B. Mental Abnormality, as revealed by—				
1. Delirium	11	11	11	11
2. Dementia	11	11	11	11
3. Manic-depressive psychosis	11	11	11	11
4. Paranoia	11	11	11	11
5. Schizophrenia	11	11	11	11
6. Other mental disorders	11	11	11	11
C. Disposition of Special Senses:				
1. Vision	11	11	11	11
2. Hearing	11	11	11	11
3. Taste	11	11	11	11
4. Smell	11	11	11	11
5. Touch	11	11	11	11
6. Pain	11	11	11	11
7. Temperature	11	11	11	11
8. Position	11	11	11	11
9. Other special senses	11	11	11	11
D. Physical Factors:				
1. Trauma	11	11	11	11
2. Infection	11	11	11	11
3. Intoxication	11	11	11	11
4. Other physical factors	11	11	11	11
E. Physiological Factors:				
1. Blood	11	11	11	11
2. Heart	11	11	11	11
3. Lungs	11	11	11	11
4. Stomach	11	11	11	11
5. Intestines	11	11	11	11
6. Kidneys	11	11	11	11
7. Bladder	11	11	11	11
8. Uterus	11	11	11	11
9. Vagina	11	11	11	11
10. Prostate	11	11	11	11
11. Testes	11	11	11	11
12. Ovaries	11	11	11	11
13. Pituitary	11	11	11	11
14. Thyroid	11	11	11	11
15. Adrenal	11	11	11	11
16. Pancreas	11	11	11	11
17. Spleen	11	11	11	11
18. Liver	11	11	11	11
19. Gall bladder	11	11	11	11
20. Bile ducts	11	11	11	11
21. Salivary glands	11	11	11	11
22. Lymphatic system	11	11	11	11
23. Endocrine system	11	11	11	11
24. Nervous system	11	11	11	11
25. Muscular system	11	11	11	11
26. Circulatory system	11	11	11	11
27. Respiratory system	11	11	11	11
28. Excretory system	11	11	11	11
29. Reproductive system	11	11	11	11
30. Other physiological factors	11	11	11	11
F. Psychological Factors:				
1. Anxiety	11	11	11	11
2. Depression	11	11	11	11
3. Excitement	11	11	11	11
4. Fatigue	11	11	11	11
5. Irritability	11	11	11	11
6. Nervousness	11	11	11	11
7. Optimism	11	11	11	11
8. Pessimism	11	11	11	11
9. Selfishness	11	11	11	11
10. Sympathy	11	11	11	11
11. Tolerance	11	11	11	11
12. Other psychological factors	11	11	11	11
G. Disposition of the Nervous System:				
1. Motor	11	11	11	11
2. Sensory	11	11	11	11
3. Reflex	11	11	11	11
4. Other nervous system factors	11	11	11	11
H. Disposition of the Circulatory System:				
1. Arterial	11	11	11	11
2. Venous	11	11	11	11
3. Capillary	11	11	11	11
4. Other circulatory system factors	11	11	11	11
I. Disposition of the Respiratory System:				
1. Inflammation	11	11	11	11
2. Obstruction	11	11	11	11
3. Other respiratory system factors	11	11	11	11
J. Disposition of the Excretory System:				
1. Urinary	11	11	11	11
2. Biliary	11	11	11	11
3. Other excretory system factors	11	11	11	11
K. Disposition of the Reproductive System:				
1. Male	11	11	11	11
2. Female	11	11	11	11
3. Other reproductive system factors	11	11	11	11
L. Other Etiological Factors:				
1. Unknown	11	11	11	11
2. Other etiological factors	11	11	11	11

This table shows the system in the third column of Table C 4. Items have appeared in the system "A". All items referred to have appeared, at any time in their lives, from 1890 to 1909.



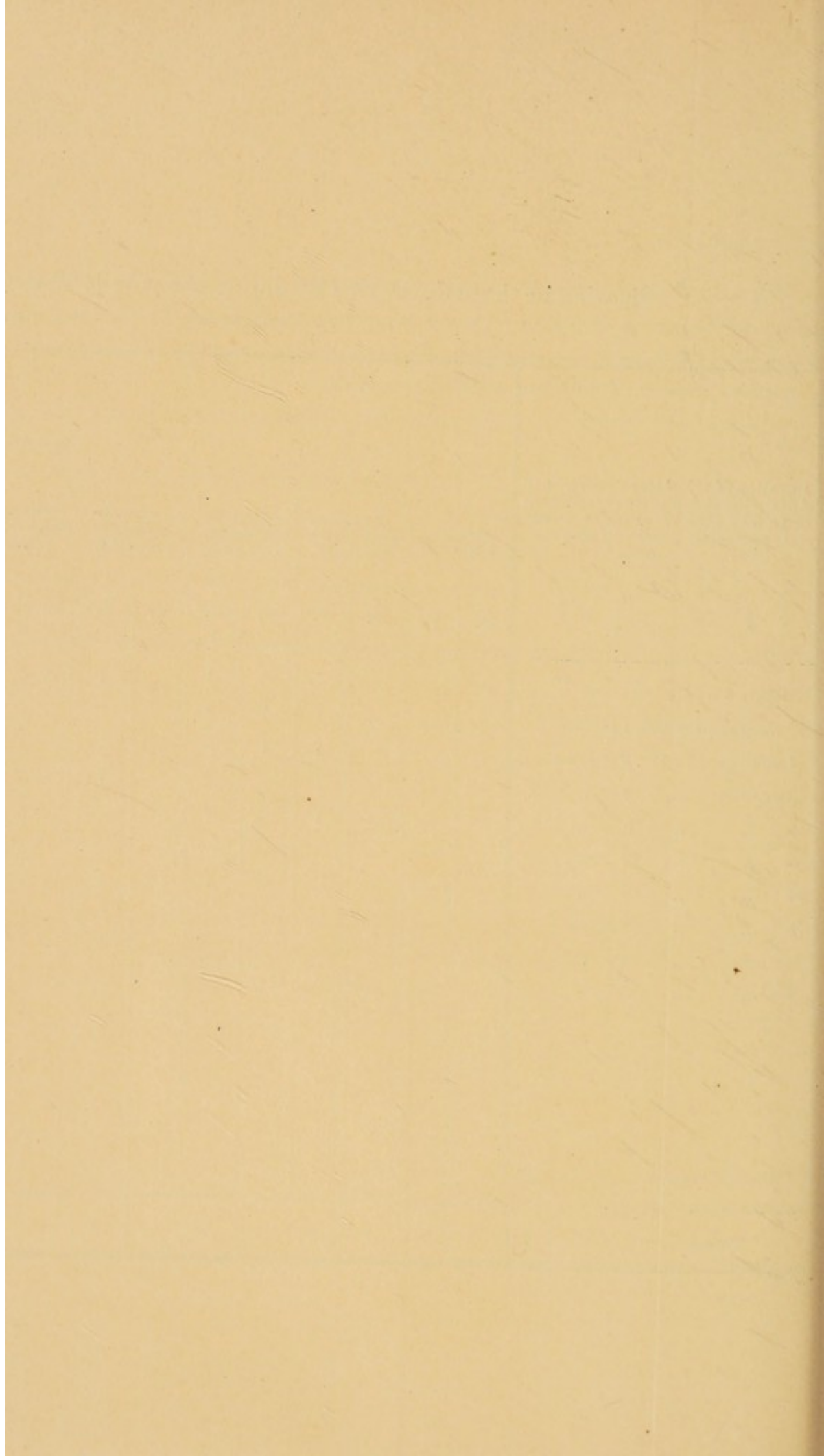


TABLE D 1.

Showing all the Causes of Death that entered into the Deaths during the Year 1909, arranged as Principal, Contributory, and the Totals of these; also the number of times each Cause (whether Principal or Contributory) was associated with certain Selected Causes; and the number of occasions each principal Cause of Death was verified by Post-mortem Examination.

Names of Causes of Death.	Instances when returned as Principal.			No. verified P.M.	Instances when returned as Contributory.			Total Incidence.			Showing the total correlation between any given Cause of Death (whether acting as Principal or Contributory) and the subjoined selected causes.																								
	M.	F.	T.		M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	Epidemic Diarrhoea and Infective Enteritis.		Dysentery. (Colitis).		Pneumonia.		Pulmonary Tuberculosis.		General Paralysis of the Insane.		Exhaustion from Mania or Melancholia.		Valvular Heart Disease.		Fatty Degeneration of the Heart.		Cerebral Hemorrhage.		Chronic Bright's Disease.						
											M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			
General Diseases.																																			
Gumma of Brain	1		1	1			1		1														1												
Phthisis		2	2		1	1	2		1	3	4			1										2											
Pneumonia	5	1	6	2		2	2		5	3	8				1																				
Diseases of Nervous System.																																			
Brain Atrophy	3	5	8	3					3	5	8				1									1		1									
" Softening	1		1	1					1		1																								
Progressive Paralysis	9	4	13	3					9	4	13																								
Diseases of Heart.																																			
Fatty Degeneration						1	1			1	1																								
Pericarditis						1	1			1	1																								
Valvular Disease	3	7	10	7		4	5	9	7	12	9																								
Diseases of Blood Vessels.																																			
Cerebral Embolism		2	2							2	2													2											
" Hemorrhage		1	1							1	1																								
Pulmonary Embolism						1	1			1	1													1											
Disease of Respiratory Organs.																																			
Bronchitis	3	1	4	2	2	2	4		5	3	8							1					1	2					1						
Diseases of Digestive System.																																			
Acute Gastric Catarrh	1		1	1					1		1																								
Colitis						1	1			1	1																								
Intestinal Obstruction (Vol- vulus)	1		1	1						1		1																							
Diseases of Urinary System.																																			
Nephritis	2	3	5	2					2	3	5																								
Uremia		5	5	1	1			1	1	5	6			1		1								2											
Total	29	31	60	24																															

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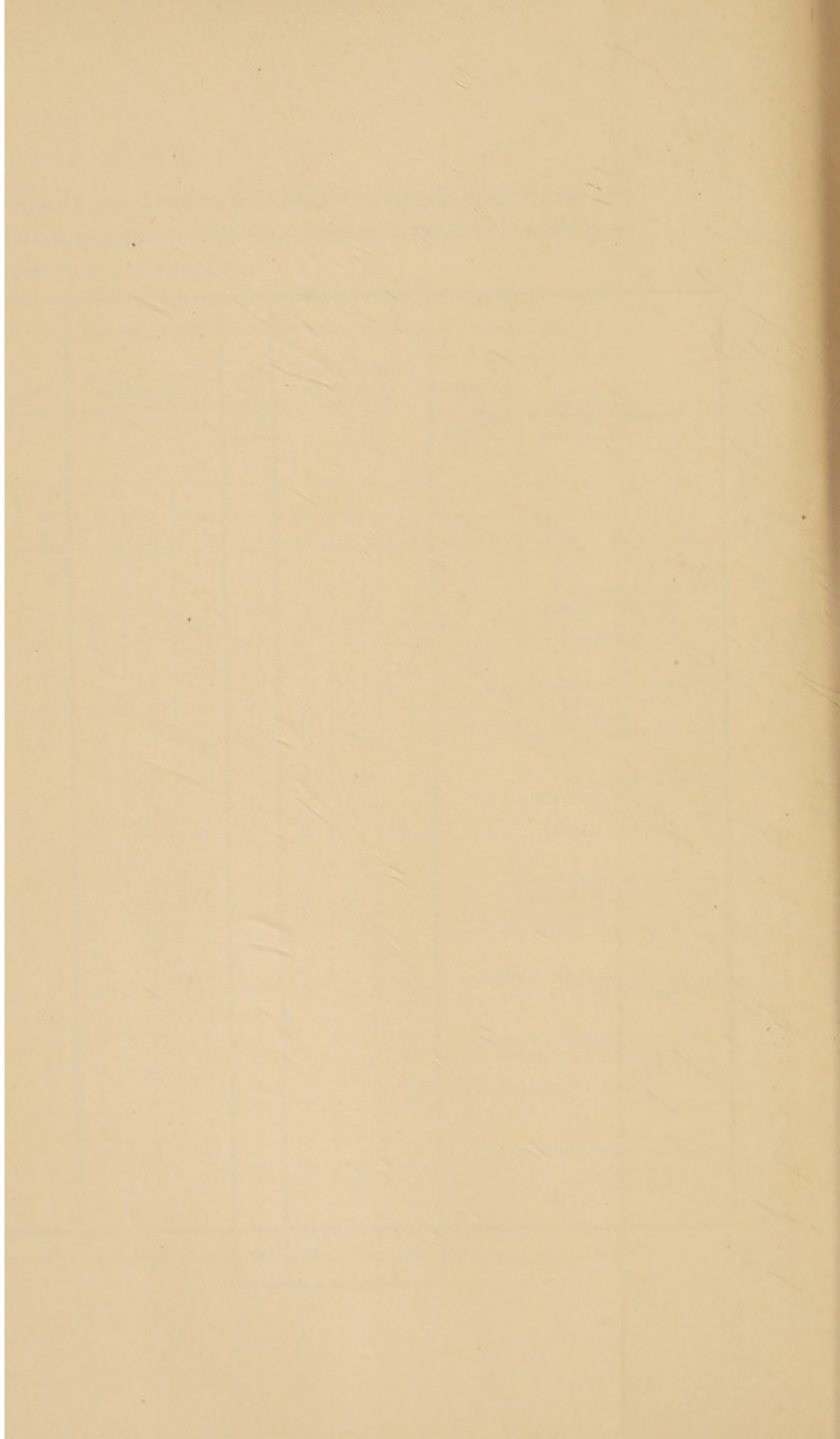


TABLE D 2.—Showing the Principal Cause of Death in each Death during the Year 1909, together with the Ages at Death in Quinquennial Periods.

Principal Causes of Death.	Ages at Death in Quinquennial Periods.																		70 and over.			* Total.							
	Less than 10.		10—14.		15—19.		20—24.		25—29.		30—34.		35—39.		40—44.		45—49.		50—54.		55—59.		60—64.		65—69.		70 and over.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.		F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
General Diseases—	
Gumma of Brain	
Phthisis	
Pneumonia	
Diseases of Nervous System—	
Brain Atrophy	
" Softening	
Progressive Paralysis	
Diseases of Heart—	
Valvular Disease	
Diseases of Blood Vessels—	
Cerebral Embolism	
" Hæmorrhage	
Diseases of Respiratory Organs—	
Bronchitis	
Diseases of Digestive Organs—	
Acute Gastric Catarrh	
Intestinal Obstruction (Vol- vulus)	
Diseases of Urinary System—	
Nephritis	
Old Age (Senile Decay)	
Totals	

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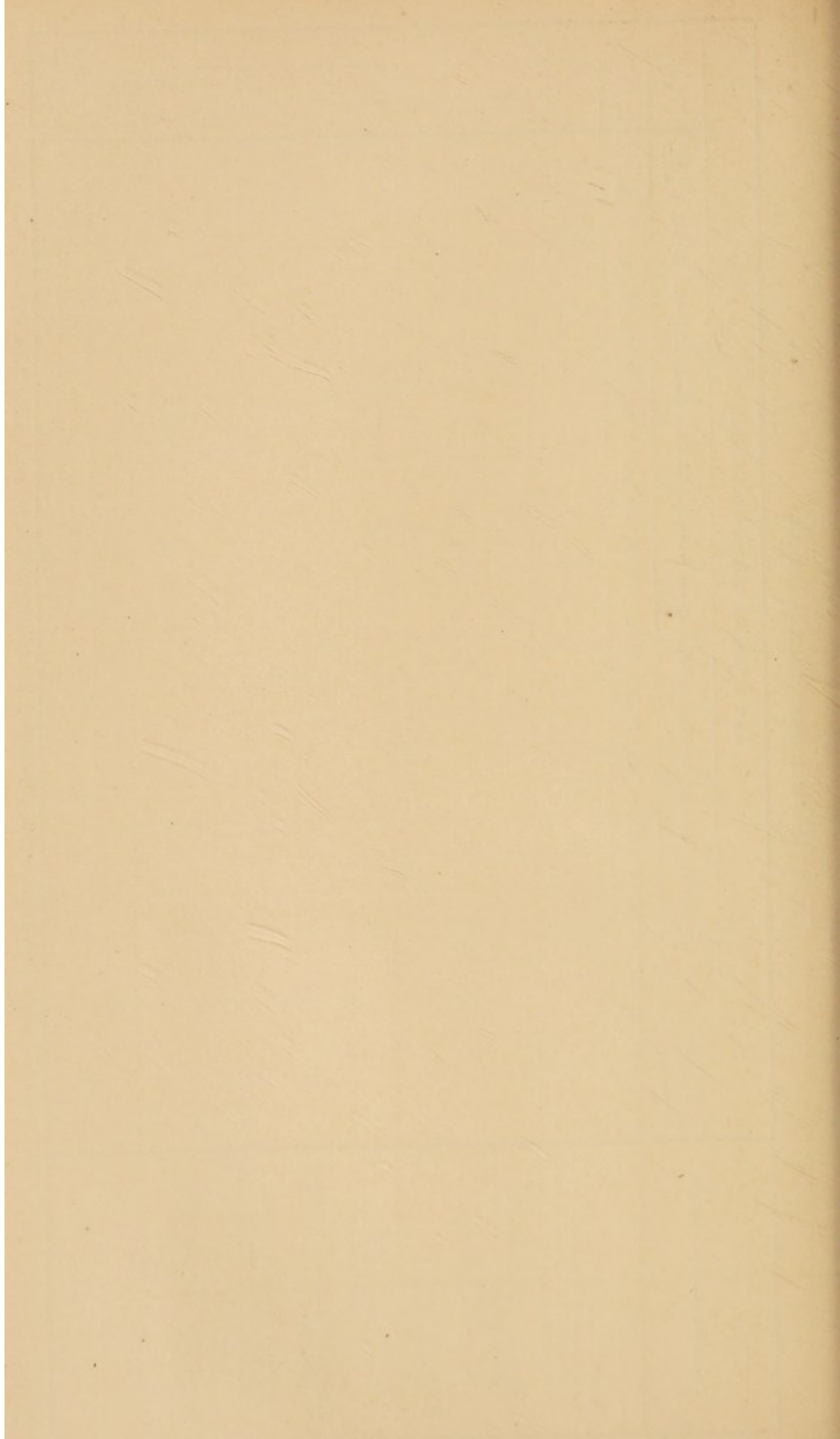


TABLE D 3.

Showing the Total Duration of the Present Attack of Mental Disorder in the Deaths during the Year 1909, arranged according to the Form of Mental Disorder on Admission.

Form of Mental Disorder (on Admission).	Total Duration of Present Attack of Mental Disorder.																																								
	Less than one month.		1 m. and less than 3 m.		3 m. and less than 6 m.		6 m. and less than 9 m.		9 m. and less than 12 m.		12 m. and less than 2 yrs.		2 yrs. and less than 3 yrs.		3 yrs. and less than 4 yrs.		4 yrs. and less than 5 yrs.		5 yrs. and less than 10 yrs.		10 yrs. and less than 15 yrs.		15 yrs. and less than 20 yrs.		20 yrs. and less than 25 yrs.		25 yrs. and less than 30 yrs.		30 yrs. and less than 35 yrs.		35 yrs. and less than 40 yrs.		40 yrs. and less than 45 yrs.		45 yrs. and less than 50 yrs.		Unknown.		Totals.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	T.
Dependent or Infringingly mental disorder (as a rule in life as it can be observed).																																									
1. Intellectual. { a. With Epilepsy b. Without Epilepsy																																									
2. Moral																																									
Insanity occurring later in life.																																									
1. Insanity with Epilepsy																																									
2. General Paralysis of the Insane																																									
3. Insanity with grosser Brain Lesions																																									
4. Acute Delirium																																									
5. Confusional Insanity																																									
6. Stupor																																									
7. Primary Dementia																																									
8. Mania { a. Recent b. Chronic c. Recurrent																																									
9. Melancholia { a. Recent b. Chronic c. Recurrent																																									
10. Alternating Insanity																																									
11. Delusional Insanity { a. Systematised b. Non-Systematised																																									
12. Volitional Insanity { a. Impulsive b. Obsessive c. Doubt																																									
13. Moral Insanity																																									
14. Dementia { a. Senile b. Secondary																																									
Totals																																									

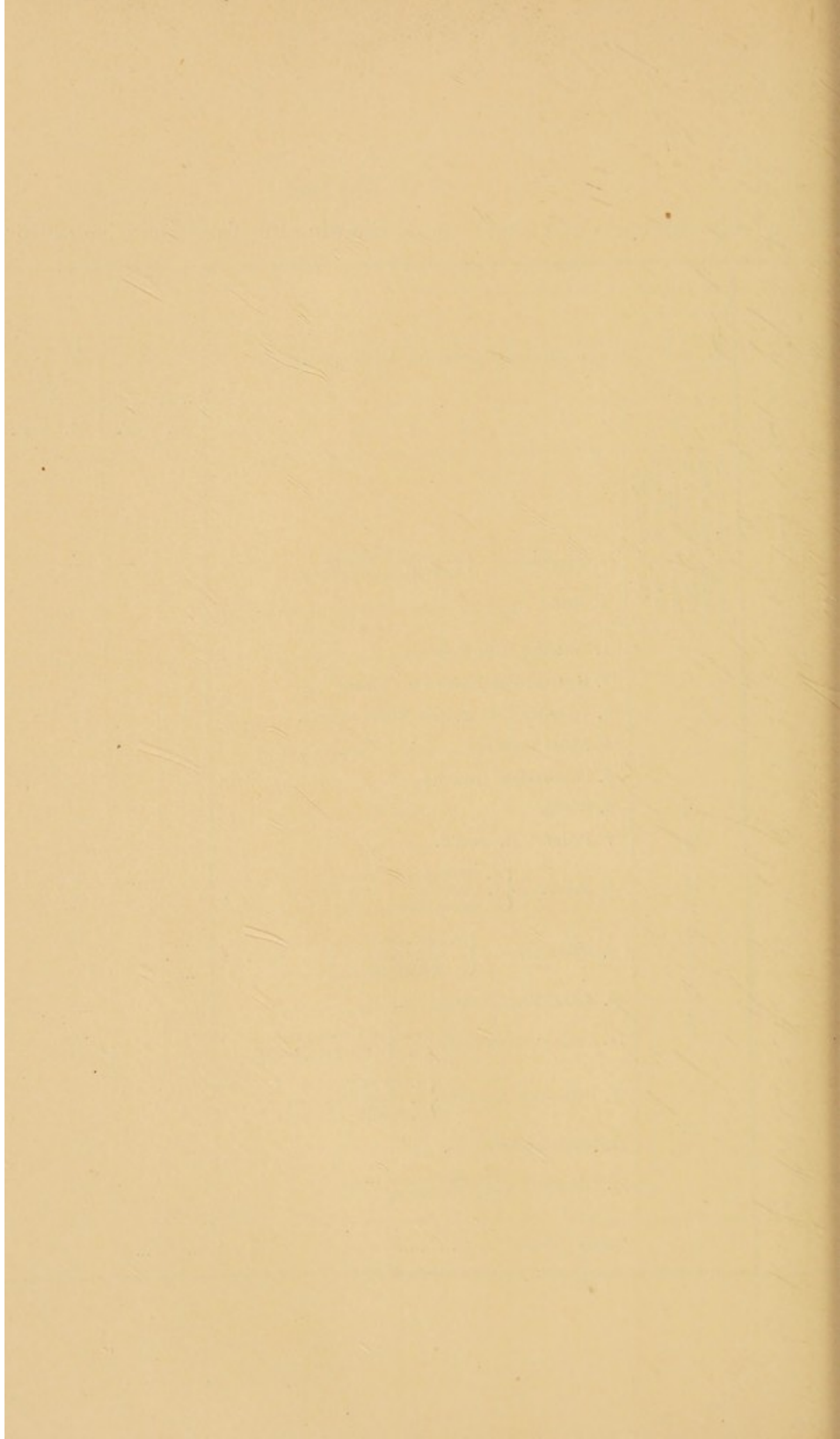


TABLE E 1.

Showing the Ages (in quinquennial periods) of those on the Registers on the 31st December, 1909, arranged according to the Total Duration of present Attack of Mental Disorder.

Total Duration of Present Attack of Mental Disorder.	Ages on 31st December, 1909, of those on Registers at that date.																											Totals.								
	Less than 10.		10-14.		15-19.		20-24.		25-29.		30-34.		35-39.		40-44.		45-49.		50-54.		55-59.		60-64.		65-69.		70-74.		75-80.		80 and over.		M.	F.	T.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	T.			
Congenital	1	8	8	3	12	10	7	3	8	3	5	6	5	4	3	...	2	1	1	1	52	40	92*
Less than 3 months	1	1	...	1	3	1	5	2	7
3 months and less than 6 months	1	1	1	1	1	...	2	2	2	...	3	3	2	...	1	...	1	7	14	21
6 " " 12 "	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	4	2	1	1	...	2	1	1	...	2	1	3	12	18	30	
12 " " 18 "	1	3	1	1	2	2	...	3	2	1	1	3	1	1	3	...	1	1	3	1	1	1	17	16	33	
18 " " 2 years	1	1	1	2	1	1	...	4	1	1	1	1	...	4	11	15		
2 years " 3 "	3	2	3	3	6	2	1	2	4	4	1	3	1	4	5	2	3	2	2	...	1	...	...	1	24	31	55				
3 " " 5 "	2	2	8	1	6	4	7	4	5	5	15	4	4	10	3	5	8	2	1	1	2	...	5	...	38	66	104				
5 " " 10 "	2	1	5	7	9	7	10	15	7	14	12	18	7	9	3	17	8	3	3	5	2	3	3	2	1	1	72	102	174			
10 " " 15 "	2	2	...	5	2	4	6	14	13	6	9	8	8	4	11	5	9	3	5	3	5	3	6	3	2	...	2	57	75	132		
15 " " 20 "	1	1	5	4	4	7	5	11	5	9	3	9	3	7	2	9	2	1	...	1	30	59	89			
20 " " 25 "	1	2	3	3	8	4	8	1	4	2	1	4	4	2	16	31	47			
25 " " 30 "	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	3	3	1	6	2	...	1	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	10	15	25				
30 " " 35 "	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	6	3	9				
35 " " 40 "	2	...	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	5	3	8				
40 " " 45 "	1	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	5				
45 " and over	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	1	2	3	5					
Totals.....	1	11	14	15	27	32	32	28	39	47	46	57	46	73	42	55	35	61	35	38	23	32	11	20	10	14	1	6	362	489	851	

* The figures here should correspond with the total of (a) and (b), Congenital Cases, in Table E 2.

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TABLE E 2.—Showing the Form of Mental Disorder on 31st December, 1909, of those on the Registers at that date.

Forms of Mental Disorder on 31st December.		M.	F.	T.
Congenital or infantile mental deficiency (idiocy or imbecility) occurring as early in life as it can be observed.	1. Intellectual { a. With Epilepsy b. Without Epilepsy	14 38	16 24	30 62
	2. Moral .....	...	...	...
	<hr/>			
Insanity occurring later in life.	1. Insanity with Epilepsy.....	21	32	53
	2. General Paralysis of the Insane	11	5	16
	3. Insanity with Grosser Brain Lesions	5	6	11
	4. Acute Delirium .....	...	...	...
	5. Confusional Insanity .....	...	...	...
	6. Stupor.....	...	3	3
	7. Primary Dementia	1	2	3
	8. Mania { a. Recent..... b. Chronic	16 89	22 141	38 230
	c. Recurrent	14	19	33
	9. Melancholia { a. Recent..... b. Chronic	10 48	22 71	32 119
	c. Recurrent	5	6	11
	10. Alternating Insanity	1	2	3
	11. Delusional Insanity { a. Systematised	10	6	16
	b. Non-systematised	4	3	7
12. Volitional Insanity { a. Impulse .....	...	...	...
b. Obsession .....	...	...	...
c. Doubt .....	...	...	...
13. Moral Insanity	1	4	5	
14. Dementia { a. Senile .....	...	3	3	
b. Secondary.....	74	102	176	
Totals		362	489	851
Prospect of Mental Recovery { Favourable.....		11	19	30
Doubtful		16	22	38
Unfavourable.....		335	448	783

DIET SCALE.

	BREAKFAST At 8.0 A.M.										DINNER at 1.0 P.M.										SUPPER at 6.0 P.M.															
	Males.					Females.					Males.					Females.					Males.			Females.												
	Bread.	Butter.	Cocoa.	Bread.	Butter.	Coffee.	Bread.	Butter.	Meat Pudding.	Plum Dumpling.	Suet Pudding.	Uncooked Meat.	Cheese.	Pea Soup.	Irish Stew.	Vegetables.	Bread.	Meat Pudding.	Plum Pudding.	Uncooked Meat.	Cheese.	Pea Soup.	Irish Stew.	Vegetables.	Bread.	Cake.	Butter.	Jam.	Tea.	Bread.	Cake.	Butter.	Jam.	Tea.		
	oz.	oz.	pt.	oz.	oz.	pt.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	pt.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	pt.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	oz.	pt.	oz.	oz.	pt.	
Sunday ...	8	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	6	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	...	...	...	12	6	...	...	...	16	2	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Monday ...	8	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	6	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	6	...	...	...	6	1	...	...	8	2	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuesday ...	8	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	6	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	...	12	...	...	4	...	...	...	12	4	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wednesday ...	8	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	6	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	16	4	12
Thursday ...	8	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	6	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	4	8	16	8
Friday ...	8	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	6	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	...	12	4	12	6	6	1	8
Saturday ...	8	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	6	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	4	4	8	4	12
Weekly Total	56	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	7	42	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	7	14	24	16	12	32	1	1	1	72	14	24	12	30	1	1	1	1	64	48	8	8	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	7	36	6	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	7	

Bread is given practically *ad libitum*.

DINNER.

	<i>Male Patients.</i>	<i>Female Patients.</i>		<i>Male Patients.</i>	<i>Female Patients.</i>
Sunday ...	Boiled Meat and Suet Pudding, with Rice and Fruit in season.	Roast Meat, with Rice and Fruit in season.	Friday ...	Meat Pudding. Every other Friday, $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. of Fresh Fish, 12oz. Potatoes and 4oz. Bread and Sauce.	Pea Soup.
Monday ...	Pea Soup.	Boiled Meat with Peas Pudding or Rice.	Saturday ...	Irish Stew.	Meat Pudding. Every other Saturday, 10oz. of Fresh Fish, 12oz. Potatoes and 4oz. Bread and Sauce.
Tuesday ...	Meat Pudding or Pie.	Irish Stew.			
Wednesday ...	Plum Dumpling and Sauce.	Meat Pudding or Pie.			
Thursday ...	Roast Meat.	Plum Pudding & Sauce.			

Bread and Vegetables Daily.—When Rice and Fruit Pudding is given on Sunday, 4oz. less Suet Pudding to Males, and 1oz. less Meat to Females. Yorkshire Pudding or Fruit Tart occasionally substituted for other Puddings.

Extra Diet for Sick.—Minced Meat, 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, 2oz. Bread, 1oz. Cheese 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, 2oz. Bread, 1oz. Cheese at 11 A.M.

Ditto Kitchen, Dining Hall and Laundry Patients.—4oz. Bread with Butter, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint Tea at 4 P.M.

Cocoa for One Hundred Patients.—3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Cocoa, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Sugar, 2 gallons Milk, or more, if the Dairy yields it.

Coffee 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Coffee, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Chicory, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Sugar, 2 gallons Milk.

Tea 1lb. Tea, 4lbs. Sugar, and 2 gallons Milk.

Pea Soup { The Liquor of the Cooked Meat, Bones, &c.; 18lbs. Split Peas; Carrots, Cabbage, Parsnip, Leeks,

Meat Pudding or Pie 25lbs. Meat; 25lbs. Flour; 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Suet.

Irish Stew { Onions, Artichokes, or other Vegetables, Herbs, Salt, and Pepper.

Plum Pudding, 100lbs. weight.—48lbs. Flour; 12lbs. Suet; 8lbs. Raisins; 8lbs. Currants.

Suet Pudding 60lbs. Flour; 15lbs. Suet.

Attendants' and Servants' Diet.—1lb. Uncooked Meat (Women, $\frac{3}{4}$ lb.), 1lb. Vegetables, 1lb. Bread, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint New Milk daily; 2oz. Tea, $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. Sugar,

$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Coffee, 1lb. Bacon, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. Butter, 1lb. Cheese (Women, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.) weekly. (Servants, 4oz. Tea). Sunday—Fruit Pudding or Tarts, Jam and

Cake alternately. Suet Pudding once a week. Night Attendants (non-resident) 2oz. Tea and 8oz. Sugar weekly.

(Signed)

EDWARD B. C. WALKER, M.D.,
Medical Superintendent.

31st March, 1910.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY.

BRIGHTON LUNATIC ASYLUM,

14th July, 1909.

IN the eight months which have elapsed since this Asylum was last visited by Members of our Board, 93 patients have been admitted; 44 have been discharged or removed, 28 of whom had recovered; and 44 have died. These changes leave on the Statutory Books the names of 302 Males and 428 Females, a total of 730. Twenty-three are of the private class, and 60 are out-county patients, 58 of these being West Ham cases received under contract. The weekly rates charged are:—For private patients, 16s. to 42s.; for pauper patients chargeable to Home Unions, 11s.; to West Ham, 15s.; to other Unions, 14s.

Since the removal of the Cardiff patients the Asylum has been much below its full number; and at the present time there are vacancies for 86 men and 100 women.

The improvements completed during the period under review have consisted of the installation of a new system of electric fire alarms and the laying of drains

for the Asylum cottages. Plans are now under consideration by our Board for additional accommodation for Nurses when off duty, the new rooms to be erected over the Mess Room. Some re-decoration of Wards has been carried out, No. 5 on the Male side having been done up, and the dormitory of Female No. 4, which has also been re-floored. The renovation of Male No. 4 and Female No. 1 Wards is now in progress. We regretted to see that advantage had not been taken of the opportunity to plaster the rough walls before painting and papering them. There still remains much to be done in the way of re-decoration, and some of the day rooms were dull and wanting in comfort and objects of various kinds to interest the patients. It should be observed, however, that there was everywhere a good supply of books in open shelves.

The Airing Court of Female No. 6 Ward needs to be enlarged and improved, being at present very dull and unattractive, and covered with loose gravel. The patients of the Ward, many of them noisy and excited cases, who were out in the court when we saw them to-day, are hardly likely to derive benefit from the surroundings in which we found them.

The following are matters which should receive the attention of the Committee. In the w.c. lobbies are stiff gas brackets, looped door handles and window catches, which would afford opportunities for suicidal attempts, and should therefore be removed. In the Laundry the screen recently erected round the ironing stove has lessened the facility of supervising the patients there employed. We would repeat the recommendation of our colleagues that a calender, the want of which

is much felt, should be provided. Some means should, we think, be taken to extirpate the rats, which we are informed are very numerous, and were the subject of complaint by some of the patients.

Subject to the observations already made, the Wards were generally in good order, and the beds and bedding satisfactory.

We saw all the patients, except one woman who is away on trial, and were satisfied with their condition as regards dress and personal tidiness. Their conduct was generally quiet and orderly. But exception must be made of those of Female No. 6, already referred to, and Male No. 6, where there was much noise. This Ward was one of those in which there was a deficiency of objects of interest. They were generally contented, and though many appealed to be set at liberty, there were but few complaints as to the treatment received from the Staff, and none which appeared to have any substance in them. Several, however, complained of insufficiency in the diet, particularly in regard to the supply of bread at breakfast and supper. There would seem to be some substance in this complaint, as we observe that the allowance in the Dietary Table for these meals is only 6oz. of bread for men and 5 for women, which is less than usual in Asylums, and is, we think, inadequate. We were informed that by asking for it the patients could have as much as they like; but many would not ask for more, who yet avail themselves of an additional supply if placed in plates on the table so that they could help themselves, a course which is often taken and found to work economically.

No fault was found with the dinner served to-day, consisting of meat pie and meat pudding with cabbage, which was good in quality and ample in quantity. It was, however, served on cold plates, and not with sufficient rapidity.

The statistics for 1908 shew that 19 per cent. of the patients usually took weekly walks beyond the Asylum Estate, and the good proportion of 37 per cent. walked out daily on the Estate outside the Airing Courts, to which but 15 per cent. were usually confined. The proportion usefully employed was about the average of similar institutions, but was better on the Female than on the Male side.

Since the last visit an inquest was held upon a Male patient, who died from the effects of taking a corrosive poison before admission. There has been no other inquest, and with this exception all the deaths were from natural and ordinary causes, ascertained, however, in the proportion of only 48 per cent. by post mortem examination. General paralysis accounted for 15.9 per cent., phthisis for only 2.2 per cent., and senile decay for 9 per cent. of the total deaths. Bedsores were present in the cases of 4.5 per cent. of those who died.

Accidental fractures of bones in two instances have been the only serious non-fatal casualties.

Zymotic disease has been represented by 29 cases of influenza, and seven cases of dysentery, all of which recovered.

The general health appears to have been otherwise good, and to-day at our visit we found in bed only 29 patients, or 4 per cent. of the whole. One of them was suffering from a bedsore, but we saw no indications that the nursing of the sick was not generally careful and efficient. We think it very desirable that provision should be made by means of verandahs, now so usual in Asylums, for the open-air treatment of cases of phthisis and of other diseases, for which it has been found so beneficial.

No use of restraint or seclusion has been recorded since the last visit.

An adequate staff of Attendants and Nurses is maintained, averaging one of the former to every eight male, and one of the latter to every 11.6 female patients, for day duty, and affording 11 altogether for duty by night. Their duration of service is satisfactory, 5 per cent. only of the men, and 26 per cent. of the women, having served less than a year, and as many as 62 per cent. of the men five years and upwards. No dismissal or resignation has been the result of misconduct.

During the past year the Medical Staff has been decreased by one, Dr. Walker, who continues to discharge his duties with efficiency, having now the assistance of two instead of three colleagues. The case books continue to be kept by them carefully and with adequate fulness of detail.

L. L. SHADWELL,	} <i>Commissioners</i> <i>in</i> <i>Lunacy.</i>
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