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Miss Jessica Ball Rigby, Liverpool	985	12	8
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Captain Gibson, R.N., Yealand Conyers	100	0	0
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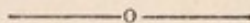
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GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING AT CARLISLE.



The GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Subscribers to the Royal Albert Asylum was held at the County Hall, Carlisle, on Wednesday, September 30th, 1874,

THE RIGHT REV. THE LORD BISHOP OF CARLISLE,

IN THE CHAIR.

The proceedings having been opened with prayer by the Rev. Canon Durham, the General Secretary (Mr. James Diggens) presented the report of the Central Committee, and the Chairman addressed the meeting.

The following RESOLUTIONS were then unanimously passed:—

- 1.—That this Meeting approves and adopts the Report now presented; and, whilst cordially congratulating the Central Committee upon the generous support which the Royal Albert Asylum has hitherto received, strongly urges Cumberland and the other Counties associated in promoting the benevolent undertaking, to renewed exertions in its favour, so that the heavy debt which now presses upon the Asylum and retards the development of its usefulness, may be entirely liquidated, and an adequate Maintenance Fund provided.

Moved by Sir James P. Kay Shuttleworth, Bart.; seconded by The Hon. C. W. G. Howard, M.P.; supported by W. N. Hodgson, Esq., M.P.

- 2.—That this Meeting is of opinion that a Special and Urgent Appeal should now be addressed to the Clergy and Ministers of all denominations throughout the Seven Northern Counties, inviting them to make Collections in aid of the Funds of the Royal Albert Asylum, and believes that such assistance would tend not only to a considerable augmentation of the funds of the Asylum, but would also be a valuable means of diffusing information respecting its benevolent objects. This Meeting also suggests that direct efforts be made to obtain greater pecuniary support from the Working Classes, for whose benefit the Asylum is primarily intended.

Moved by J. T. Hibbert, Esq., Manchester; seconded by M. W. Thompson, Esq., Bradford; supported by the Ven. Archdeacon Bland, Durham.

- 3.—That this Meeting gratefully recognises the valuable services rendered to the Asylum by the Lancaster Members of the Central Committee, and in compliance with Rule 24, re-appoints those gentlemen members of the Central Committee for the ensuing year; viz:—

DR. E. DENIS DE VITRE.	J. S. HARRISON, Esq. F.R.C.S.	REV. C. TWEMLOW ROYDS, M.A.
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Moved by Arthur Lupton, Esq., Leeds; seconded by Colonel King, Chester supported by Robert Ferguson, Esq., M.P.

- 4.—That this Meeting expresses its obligations to the Cumberland Committee for its past services, and respectfully requests the following Noblemen and Gentlemen (with power to add to their number) to act in the same capacity for the promotion of the objects of the Asylum:—

The Right Hon. the Earl of Lonsdale.	Rev. Canon Durham.
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Moved by The Worshipful the Mayor of Carlisle; seconded by W. H. Wakefield, Esq., Kendal.

- 5.—That the best thanks of this Meeting be given to the Honorary Auditors for the past year (F. J. White, Esq., of Manchester; J. C. Moon, Esq., Lancaster, and the Rev. D. Davis, B.A., Lancaster,) for their painstaking and efficient audit of the Accounts of the Asylum; and this Meeting, in accordance with Rule 34, hereby appoints F. J. White, Esq., Rev. D. Davis, B.A., and J. S. Harrison, Esq., F.R.C.S. to act as Honorary Auditors for the ensuing year.

Moved by R. A. Allison, Esq.; seconded by W. J. R. Crowder, Esq.

- 6.—That the cordial thanks of this Meeting be given to the Lord Bishop of Carlisle for his able presidency at the elections this day, and to the Scrutineers who have so efficiently discharged their onerous duties.

Moved by William Banks, Esq.; seconded by Thomas Horrocks, Esq.

- 7.—That the thanks of this Meeting be given to Sir James P. Kay Shuttleworth, Bart., and to the Members of the Central Committee who have attended to-day in support of the claims of the Institution.

Moved by The Worshipful Chancellor Barton; seconded by Isaac James, Esq.

- 8.—That, circumstances permitting, the next General Annual Meeting of this Institution be held at Sheffield, on Wednesday, September 29th, 1875, and that notice thereof be given in the Lancaster, Sheffield, Leeds, York, Manchester, Liverpool, Chester, Carlisle, Kendal, Durham, and Newcastle newspapers.

Moved by Sir James P. Kay Shuttleworth, Bart.; seconded by J. T. Hibbert, Esq.

- 9.—That the grateful acknowledgments of this Meeting be tendered to the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Carlisle, for his Lordship's kind and prompt acceptance of the invitation to preside on the present occasion, and for the efficient and courteous manner in which his Lordship has discharged the duties of Chairman.

Moved by The Rev. Canon Durham; seconded by Rev. D. Davis, B.A.

REPORT

Presented to the Subscribers at the General Annual Meeting, held at Carlisle, on Wednesday, September 30th, 1874.

THE LORD BISHOP OF CARLISLE IN THE CHAIR.

Agreeably to the provisions of the General Rules and Regulations the Central Committee now present their Tenth Annual Report. The increasing interest which is manifested in the work of the Institution in all its departments, is most gratifying, and attests the appreciation which a generous public has of any attempt to ameliorate the unhappy condition of the Imbecile. Now that a decade of the history of the establishment of the Royal Albert Asylum is completed, the Committee deem it not inopportune to glance at the past, and to note the successive steps by which their work has been accomplished. The review however cursory, cannot but afford sincere encouragement to the friends of the Imbecile everywhere, and stimulate to fresh exertions.

It is now ten years since this Institution originated in the offer of Mr. James Brunton, a gentleman of but moderate means, resident in Lancaster, to give £2,000 for the establishment of a small Asylum near that town, for the care of Idiots. The idea of a large Institution devoted to the scientific study of idiocy, and to the mental, physical, and industrial improvement of its inmates, probably never came within the scope of Mr. Brunton's imagination; nor would it occur to him that for its establishment and maintenance the generous support of Seven Counties could be obtained. But Mr. Brunton's limited knowledge of the requirements of the afflicted class for whose patient and kind care he was so solicitous, was expanded by Dr. de Vitré and a number of other Lancaster Gentlemen, who formed themselves into an Executive Committee, and were afterwards recognised and appointed by a large representative meeting held in the Shire Hall, Lancaster, on the 21st December, 1864. The Committee propounded a scheme for including in the district to be benefited by the Asylum, the extensive area of the Six Northern Counties of England (afterwards,

on application, increased to Seven by the addition of Cheshire); Local Committees were originated and public meetings held in the principal towns of the North; a valuable Estate was purchased; and on the 17th of June, 1868, amid much *eclat*, the Foundation Stone of the Building was laid by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Freemasons of England, the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland. The South Wing (since called the Brooke Wing to perpetuate the noble gift of £30,000 by the Rev. Richard Brooke and Mrs. Brooke, of Gateforth House, Selby,) and the Central Block, were ready for occupation in the summer of 1870, and were formally opened by His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, on the 13th of September of that year.

It was hoped by the Committee that an Institution with so philanthropic an object, which, at its very projection, received the patronage of Her Majesty the Queen, and had so thoroughly enlisted the support of all classes in the North of England, would have been formally inaugurated by some member of the Royal Family. The Committee exhausted every influence within their reach, but without success, to obtain that Royal recognition, which, though not essential to the permanent prosperity of the Institution, could not but have secured for it greater publicity and increased pecuniary resources. The disappointment is not confined to Lancaster, but general regret has been expressed at the failure of the Committee to accomplish the object for which they have so earnestly striven.

The Festival, which was held at the Asylum last October, was not intended as a formal opening of the entire Asylum, but the Committee are now quite content to regard an occasion which again obtained for the Institution, the eloquent, thoughtful, suggestive, and widely appreciated advocacy of so distinguished a nobleman as the Earl of Derby, as constituting a most memorable Inauguration. His Lordship's great interest in the Asylum is well known, and he had previously rendered important service by his able speech when he presided at the Manchester Banquet in December, 1870. The assembly at the Festival was of a most brilliant character, and contributions were received in connection with it, to the amount of £1475. A report of the proceedings was reprinted and has been found of much service.

On the same day 40 patients were elected, bringing up the number of inmates to 200. Had the funds allowed, the Committee would gladly have admitted more patients then, and would have arranged for another Election in the Spring of this year. It is extremely painful to the Committee that they should have so much

accommodation unused while the applications are so numerous and urgent; but the necessity of careful and prudent management will be fully appreciated by the Subscribers. The Committee have, for the same reason, limited the number of Patients elected this day to twenty.

With regard to the pecuniary liabilities of the Institution, the Committee trust that the £20,000 which is yet required to complete the efficient establishment of the Institution, will soon be forthcoming. The Asylum has grown largely upon the original design which contemplated the accommodation of 400 inmates. Now that the building is finished, it is believed that it has ample accommodation for 600 patients, exclusive of staff. Besides a lodge and cottages for the Clerk of the Works and the Gardener, there are commodious workshops, a spacious laundry and engine house, and other necessary out-offices. Extensive Farm Buildings have also been erected. These buildings, in addition to all the ordinary accommodation of a farmstead, provide dormitories, and have other arrangements adapted for the residence of some of the more advanced class of patients employed in agricultural labour. The Estate, which at first consisted of 42 acres, now comprises 80 acres. The Committee entertain no doubt that the generosity which has hitherto so munificently supported them, will, when the necessities of the case are known, make no difficulty in supplying the deficiency on Building and Furnishing Account, and in so increasing the Maintenance Fund that the Institution may realise to the fullest extent the usefulness which its promoters have always had in view. The necessity of large Institutions, both for the insane and idiotic, is admitted by the highest authorities, and the importance of these considerations influenced the Committee to undertake a scheme involving heavy responsibilities. The aim of the Committee has been to provide an Institution for the Idiots and Imbeciles of the North of England, which, for its completeness in every respect, should not be surpassed in the world. How far, in the judgment of competent observers, they have succeeded, is evident from the opinion of Dr. Seguin, as quoted in the last Annual Report, and from the following testimony of the President and Twenty Members of the Liverpool Architectural Society as entered in the Visitors' Book, after a thorough inspection of the Asylum:—

“ We were impressed with the stability and general structural, as well as artistic features, of the Asylum. The lighting especially, and arrangements of plan for convenience and cheerfulness have pleased us. The design has high architectural merits, and will bear comparison with any Asylum in the country.”

This question was fully discussed by the Committee when the contracts were under final consideration, and they felt that they could not relinquish any portion of their plan without serious embarrassment to the efficient working of the Institution. A building of so complete and substantial a character as the Royal Albert Asylum, erected at an average cost of less than 5d. a cubic foot, certainly affords no fair cause of complaint on the ground of extravagance.

The Committee have much pleasure in bearing their testimony to the satisfactory manner in which the Contractors have carried out the work they had undertaken. There has, in several departments, been considerable delay, but it has, in most instances, arisen from the disturbed state of the labour market. Admiration is generally expressed by visitors, both as to the architecture which combines a handsome effect with plainness of detail, convenience of arrangement with fulness of accommodation; and as to the creditable work of the Contractors. The Architect was Mr. E. G. Paley (of the firm of Messrs. Paley and Austin, Lancaster), a gentleman of eminence in his profession. The principal Contractors were—

Mr. Christopher Baynes, Lancaster, for Masonry,
 Mr. Charles Blades, Lancaster, for Woodwork,
 Mr. James Walmsley, Preston, for Plumbing,
 Messrs. Johnston Bros., Carlisle, for Plastering,
 Mr. Charles Seward, Preston, for Heating,
 Mr. William Bennett, Liverpool, for Boilers, Kitchen and Laundry
 Fittings, &c.

The various works have been superintended by Mr. John Combe, whose services are retained as permanent Clerk of the Works.

During the year the following Legacies have been received:—

Miss Bradley, Slyne, Lancaster, £720,
 Captain Gibson, Yealand Conyers, Lancaster, £100.

A Donation of £300 has also been received from the Executors of the late James Heald, Esq., of Parr's Wood, Didsbury.

It may be well to remind the friends of the Institution that, in accordance with Rule 36, all Legacies exceeding Fifty Guineas are carried to the Sustentation Fund, and are invested for the permanent benefit of the Institution. This source of income is of great importance, and the Committee trust that Subscribers, in devising their property to charitable objects, will not be unmindful of the Royal Albert Asylum.

Information as to the amount contributed by each county to the General Fund (for Land, Building, Furnishing, &c.), and to the Maintenance Fund is subjoined:—

	DONATIONS.			ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Lancashire	38,391	17	9	1,025	9	2
Yorkshire.....	34,777	17	8	973	10	6
Westmorland	2,729	13	3	66	7	6
Cumberland	2,338	6	0	117	12	6
Cheshire	2,258	16	10	94	3	6
Durham	2,049	14	11	177	11	0
Northumberland.....	753	10	3	54	1	0
	<u>£83,299</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>£2,508</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>2</u>

The Annual Subscriptions have not increased in the past year at the same ratio as during the previous year, but still they show a steady progress, which is satisfactory, more especially when it is considered that many subscriptions are commenced at election times with a view to assist particular candidates, and that as soon as those candidates are successful, the subscriptions are discontinued. The Committee would earnestly commend this source of income to the friends of the Charity as best calculated to maintain the popularity of the Institution, and promote a wide spread and intelligent interest in its operations. The Committee gratefully acknowledge the kindness of many old friends of the Charity as evinced in doubling or otherwise increasing their Contributions.

For detailed information on the finances of the Institution, the Committee refer to the annexed Balance Sheets. The Accounts have again been thoroughly audited by Mr. F. J. White, of Manchester, and his colleagues, and the Auditors' Report is most satisfactory.

Pecuniary Contributions of a special character continue to be received.

The Rochdale Equitable Pioneers, at a meeting held on the 5th of January last, gave a second donation of Fifty Guineas to the Building Fund, and an Annual Subscription of Twenty Guineas. The Society commends the claims of the Institution to the favourable consideration of all Co-operative Societies in the Seven Northern Counties. The Co-operative Wholesale Society, Limited, Manchester, has just remitted a donation of Fifty Guineas. Such societies afford to

the operative classes an easy means of contributing to the support of an Institution which is primarily intended for their relief.

The Laurel Lodge of Free Gardeners, Padiham, forwarded last February a donation of Ten Guineas.

A year or two since the Choir of the Congregational Church, Market-street, Farnworth, visited the Asylum and gratified the patients by giving a selection of vocal music. The happy appearance of the Patients seems to have afforded much pleasure to the visitors, who have just remitted a donation of Five Guineas, to make their Minister, the Rev. W. Hewgill, M.A., a Life Donor to the Asylum.

One of the most gratifying donations received during the year was the sum of £1 16s. 4d., contributed by the children of the Stanney National School, Chester. A few years ago, similar gifts were received from the Lancaster National Schools, and from Sunday Schools, of various denominations, in different parts of the district.

A donation of £5 5s. has recently been remitted by the Borough Bench of Magistrates, Stockton-on-Tees, to give their Chairman, for the time being, a Vote in the Election of Patients.

A contribution of £1 7s. 6d. was made to the Asylum by the Grand Jury at the last Spring Assizes at Lancaster.

A Memorial Gift of Five Guineas has been sent to be entered in the name of a dear relative now deceased. The entry stands, "Henrietta, April 7th, 1874."

The Parents and Friends of the Patients have shewn their gratitude for the advantages which the children enjoy by obtaining new Subscribers, and, in one or two instances, by influencing their ministers to make collections in aid of the Charity. The parents of one of the payment cases, recently gave the Medical Superintendent a donation of Five Pounds for the purchase of toys for the poorer children.

The unrestricted admission of visitors on Mondays and Thursdays, though it entails considerable labour upon the officials, tends to make the Institution widely known, and occasionally leads to valuable pecuniary support. One gentleman, accompanied by two ladies, was so gratified by his visit that on returning to his hotel he sent for the Secretary and handed him a cheque for three contributions of Five Guineas each; and only a few days ago he called upon the Secretary and increased each donation, to Twenty Guineas. This is, fortunately far from being a solitary instance of the favourable impression which a casual inspection of the Asylum has left upon the minds of Visitors.

An illustration of practical benevolence has been given by a gentleman near Rochdale, who, in commiseration of the neglected condition of a poor imbecile girl in his neighbourhood, has most generously offered to pay thirty guineas per annum for her maintenance in the Asylum.

While this Report was in the press, the Secretary received a communication from Mr. R. Newsham, chairman of the Preston Local Committee, and one of the earliest friends of the Charity, urging that some special effort should be made to extinguish the heavy debt which now presses upon the Institution; and suggesting that an effective mode of assisting in this laudable object, and at the same time of extending the usefulness of the institution, would be to invite the large Donors to increase their contributions by such a sum as would, under certain restrictions, entitle them to the privilege of nominating a patient. To meet Mr. Newsham's views, the Committee are prepared to grant to donors of Special Contributions of 300 guineas the right to present, for a five years' residence in the Asylum, one patient of the class eligible for election; such patient being, at the expiration of that term, eligible to be elected for another five years. Of every such contribution, 100 guineas will be appropriated to the Maintenance Fund, and the remaining 200 guineas to the Building Fund.

The Committee would here refer to the vote of the last session of Parliament, granting 4s. a head per week towards the cost of maintenance of Pauper Lunatics and Idiots in County, Borough, and Licensed Private Asylums. The claim which the Royal Albert Asylum has to share in this grant was carefully explained to the Government by Mr. J. P. C. Starkie, M.P., an active member of the Central Committee, though without resulting in more than an assurance that the subject should be taken into consideration at a future time. The importance of this question to the Royal Albert Asylum may not at first be obvious to the Subscribers. There are in the Workhouses a great many young educable imbeciles, for whose training no provision whatever is made, but who, if early subjected to discipline and instruction, might be greatly improved. The Lunatic Asylums are not fit places for such children, as they make no provision for that specific treatment which can alone be of any service to such cases. The Committee now receive pauper idiots whom they may consider capable of much improvement, at the rate which the Unions would have to pay for their maintenance at the County Lunatic Asylums. This arrangement has been appreciated by the Guardians of the Liverpool, Manchester, Salford, Carlisle, and other Unions, which are

guided by a broad and liberal policy, and has had the approval of the Local Government Board. It is so satisfactory to the Commissioners in Lunacy that they are accustomed, in their inspection of the Imbecile Wards in Workhouses, to recommend the Guardians most strongly to send young and improvable cases to this Asylum. It is feared, however, that the effect of the restriction of the grant referred to will be to induce Guardians to send such cases to the County Lunatic Asylums, thus, for the sake of economy, depriving them of the only chance of special training which it is possible for them to obtain. The Committee propose to urge upon the Government the impolicy of not including the Royal Albert Asylum in the category of the institutions to be benefited by the grant—not for selfish reasons, as the charge made for Pauper Idiots does not in any case cover the cost of maintenance. They will probably receive the co-operation of the Guardians of Unions which have made use of the Institution, and they trust to be supported by the many influential Members of Parliament who are Vice-Presidents, Members of the Central Committee, or otherwise connected with the Institution.

During the year the following Clergymen and Ministers have made Collections:—

Rev. John Allen, Parish Church, Lancaster,
 Rev. R. Atkinson, Cockerham Church,
 Rev. J. Braek, Skerton Church Harvest Festival,
 Rev. T. C. Henley, Kirkby Malham Church,
 Rev. W. C. Kewish, Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Radcliffe Bridge,
 Rev. A. M. Norman, Burnmoor Church, Fencehouses,
 Rev. G. F. Weston, Crosby Ravensworth, Penrith.

The Committee would again respectfully appeal to the Clergy and Ministers of all denominations to aid them in their philanthropic work by occasional, if not annual, collections. The great advantage of such assistance would be not only the large amount towards the maintenance of the Institution which might thus be easily raised from persons who would not otherwise contribute to its funds, but also the diffusion of information as to the objects of the charity, which might greatly extend its usefulness.

The Institution is still under great obligations to the Honorary Secretaries and other active members of Local Committees; and among the gentlemen whose special exertions have this year pecuniarily benefited the Institution may be mentioned Mr. Edward Lawrence, Liverpool; Mr. Richard Hurst, Rochdale; Mr. A. Lupton, Leeds;

Mr. Christopher Brown, Settle; Mr. Edwin Vincent, Southport; Dr. Hammond, Preston; Mr. George Walton, Skipton; Dr. Mc Nicol and Major Ogle, St. Helens; and Mr. R. A. Allison, Carlisle. To the Local Committees generally, and to their officers, the Central Committee express their grateful acknowledgments; upon them must chiefly devolve the responsibility of sustaining the interest which has been excited in favour of the Institution, and the Central Committee solicit the continuance of their kind co-operation in whatever measures may be taken by the General Secretary, Mr. Diggens, to advance the objects of the Asylum in their respective districts.

From the cordial help which has been cheerfully given to the Institution by its lady friends, the Committee are of opinion that the time has arrived for the formation of Ladies' Auxiliary Committees in the different localities embraced in the area benefited by the Asylum. Such Committees might assist by obtaining small contributions from persons who would not be likely to come under the influence of the Local Committees, which generally consist of gentlemen actively engaged in commercial pursuits—and in not a few instances conducting businesses of considerable magnitude—or in professional practice which leaves but little margin for extra philanthropic work. Ladies would also be eminently useful in seeking out and bringing under the notice of the Local Committees cases of imbeciles such as the Institution is designed to benefit. In another way, that of collecting the Annual Subscriptions promised in their respective towns, they might save the Local Treasurers and Secretaries considerable trouble, and, where the collection devolves upon the Head Office, the expense of sending over a clerk for that purpose.

The Committee must here express their sincere regret at the heavy loss which the Institution has sustained by the death of Dr. Edward Charlton, Chairman of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Local Committee, a gentleman whose great social influence and high professional standing were at all times at the service of the Institution. Dr. Charlton's name was a household word in Northumberland and Durham.

The death of Mr. W. J. Garnett, of Quernmore Park, one of the Lancaster members of the Central Committee, is also much deplored. Mr. Garnett was the first to respond to the appeal of the Provisional Committee for pecuniary support; and, when the delicate state of his health permitted him to reside in the neighbourhood, he was unceasing in his attention to the interests of the Institution. He won the respect of all by his intelligence and urbanity.

At Carlisle, the Committee cannot but refer to the efficient labours of Dr. Clouston, the late Honorary Secretary of the Cumberland Committee, whose removal to Edinburgh caused a vacancy which cannot easily have been supplied. Dr. Clouston always had the interests of the Institution at heart, and regretted much the necessity of resigning his office.

The Committee tender their best thanks to the kind donors of sundry presents of Musical Instruments and Music, Books, Magazines, Pictures, Illustrated Papers, &c., a list of which is appended to this Report. They would particularly refer to a Nursery Yacht, presented by Surgeon-Major Bateson; a large Rocking Horse, purchased by subscriptions collected for the purpose by the Misses Baldry, of Grasmere; three Violins and one Violoncello, presented by Mrs. Turnbull, of Newcastle-on-Tyne; a Harmonina, by Miss Hutchinson, of Lancaster; and Shawls, Petticoats, &c., given by Mrs. Schneider, of Belsfield, Windermere.

Among the gifts to be specially acknowledged is a Harmonichord presented by Mrs. F. E. Rawson, of Thorpe, near Halifax. The Committee were much touched by the kind expressions accompanying the offer; and the instrument, valued at 80 guineas, has fulfilled the wish of its donor as an excellent aid to the conduct of the religious services of the institution.

The patients were again kindly remembered at the Christmas season, by Mrs. Dale, of Leeds, and Messrs. Kerr and Jubb, of Halifax, who forwarded a large number of Dolls and other toys for the decoration of the Christmas Tree. Other friends sent similar contributions.

Special amusements provided for the patients deserve also grateful recognition. Here may be mentioned the excellent and much appreciated entertainment given at the Asylum, through the kind interest of Mr. Robert Mansergh, of Lancaster, by the Royal Poland Street Hand Bell Ringers. Mention ought also to be made of the kindness of Mrs. Edmonds in granting free admission to 100 of the patients to Wombwell's Menagerie, while exhibiting in Lancaster; and thanks are due to Mr. S. Bayliss for a similar privilege to witness the performances of his Marionettes.

Of the 201 patients now in the Asylum, 92 belong to Lancashire, 61 to Yorkshire, 14 to Cheshire, 13 to Durham, 9 to Cumberland, 7 to Northumberland, 3 to Westmorland, and 2 to other counties

Attention is particularly directed to the appendix giving statistics of the prevalence of idiocy. The information has been compiled with much care, and is derived from reliable sources.

The Committee have much pleasure in submitting interesting extracts from the Report of the Fourth Visit of the Commissioners in Lunacy:—

Royal Albert Asylum, January 12th, 1874.

We have this day made our Annual Visit to this Hospital, have inspected every department, and seen every patient, excepting a girl absent on leave. On the books are now 148 males and 48 females, making the total number of patients 196, an increase of 53 since our last visit. The accommodation for patients in that portion of the building now open extends to 300, or thereabouts; the Central Block and Southern parts are in occupation. Of those on the books, 133 are males, 47 are females, admitted as private patients; 15 boys and 1 girl belong to the pauper class. The medical records show that 61 have been received since the date of our previous inspection, that is to say, 31 males and 30 females; two boys have died, and on the register of discharges appear the names of 5 boys and 1 girl. The Medical Superintendent and other officers attended us in our passage through the wards, and gave us information upon the various matters which came under our notice. We also had the satisfaction of meeting two of the Visitors, it being the usual day for a Board meeting. We were present in the several schoolrooms when the classes were assembled for instruction, and were much gratified by the manner in which the teaching was conducted. We also visited the workshops, the sick rooms, the laundry, and the associated and other dormitories. The personal appearance of the children was highly creditable to those in charge of them, and their conduct was excellent. We found only 4 boys in bed, of these 2 were suffering from erysipelas, 1 from tubercular disease, another from dysentery. No girl was in bed, but 2 of the female children were in their sick room, 1 the subject of mesenteric disorder, the other phthisical; a few boys, 3 or 4, were also separated from the rest on account of sore heads. The Steward's House is now used temporarily as the boys' infirmary. At present there is no detached Hospital for infectious cases. During our visit we noticed 11 lads as occupied in the shoemakers' shop, some of whom had attained considerable proficiency in the trade, 11 work in the tailors' department, 4 in the laundry, and 5 are on the carpenters' list. Industrially employed are 70 males and 17 females. The average attendance in the upper school appears to be 50 boys in the morning, 70 in the afternoon, altogether about 108 attend; there is a lower school for say 20, and a mixed class of boys and girls, about 51, regularly receive instruction from a mistress. Looking to the helpless character of a very large proportion of the patients, and to the extent of this building we are strongly of opinion that more hands are required to perform the house-work of this Hospital, which cannot be compared to an Asylum for Lunatics, many of whom are able workers, and indeed very expert in their work. The portion of the Hospital intended for the Girls' reception, will shortly, we understand, be opened. We have been much gratified in seeing everywhere proofs of improvement in the condition of the patients received here, and of unabated zeal in the management.

CHARLES PALMER PHILIPS,	}	COMMISSIONERS
ROBERT NAIRNE,		IN LUNACY.

In the body of their Report to the Lord Chancellor (page 47) the Commissioners thus allude to the Royal Albert Asylum, and the importance of the work for which it has been established:—

“The Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots is approaching completion, but more contributions are needed for its permanent support. When the wing now in course of erection is ready for occupation, this Hospital will accommodate about 300 children in each division. We should be glad to see the noble example of the Northern Counties in this direction followed in other parts of the kingdom, since idiots form a large

proportion of the mentally afflicted, and require peculiar treatment, distinct from that applicable to the insane.”

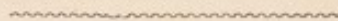
The Medical Superintendent's Report supplies, as usual, information respecting the internal working of the Institution, and the Committee refer with pleasure to the statistics indicative of the progress made by the patients who have been in the Asylum several years. The practical usefulness of the Asylum is mainly contingent upon the industrial progress of the patients, and the subscribers will readily appreciate any improvement, however small, made in this direction. The condition of the inmates at home where they would necessarily have had, at the best, very limited means of employment and amusement, must always be taken into account in justly estimating the importance of such institutions.

To the Press, the Committee would again return their cordial thanks for that generous and powerful support which has so largely contributed to the pecuniary success of the charity.

In reviewing their work for the past year, though it has not been signalised by such large contributions as have marked some previous years, the Committee gratefully recognise the Divine blessing which has rested upon their labours; and they will continue to pursue their benevolent endeavours with that earnestness which is the harbinger of prosperity in any undertaking.

E. D. DE VITRÉ,

CHAIRMAN.



MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S GENERAL REPORT.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Asylum.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour of presenting my Fourth General Report as Medical Superintendent.

Since the 10th of September, 1873, 59 additional patients have been received into the Asylum, 35 boys and 24 girls. Eight Patients (6 male, 2 female) have been discharged, and 12 (10 male and 2 female) have died. The physical and mental condition of the boys admitted during the past year has been somewhat below the average of that of previous admissions, whilst several of those who have been discharged, or have died, were amongst our more promising inmates. The number at present on the books is 261 (147 male and 54 female patients). The average number resident during the 12 months has been 186.

The general sanitary condition has been for the most part satisfactory, though the death-rate has been high, as compared with that of previous years. Of the 12 deaths above referred to, no less than 7 were the result of phthisis and other constitutional diseases of a tubercular character: the other 5 were caused by serous effusions, cranial or thoracic. In 2 instances the deaths were unexpected, and Coroner's inquests were held: in each case the verdict attributed the death to natural causes, and exonerated from any blame the officials of the Institution. One of the deaths just referred to was that of a little boy who died within a few hours of his admission from pleurisy, the symptoms of which had been of a latent character: in the second case, death resulted from a sudden pericardial effusion. There has happily been no mortality whatever from epidemic disease amongst our patients since the opening of the Asylum. A boy, for whom it was necessary, last October, to amputate the right leg, on account of scrofulous disease, has made an excellent recovery, and is now learning the trade of tailor.

Whilst adverting to medical topics, I gladly avail myself of the opportunity of acknowledging the kind and willing aid I have received in matters of difficulty, both from the medical members of the Committee, and from the practitioners of Lancaster.

The northern portion of the building not having yet been furnished, the Girls and Infants are still accommodated in a provisionally-detached portion of the Boys' side. It is intended, however, forthwith to enter upon the occupation of the North Wing, which will afford facilities for improved classification.

The arrangements for education and training have received some extension. In the schools the methodical use of the Kinder-Garten system, (a system well adapted for the development of the feeble germs of intelligence possessed by our children), has been promoted by the admirable series of model lessons given in the Institution by Miss Anna Snell, of Manchester. A step in advance has been also made by the establishment of evening classes, for the special instruction in reading, and in vocal music, of the more intelligent pupils. Attendance at these classes, (which have been voluntarily undertaken by the schoolmaster and schoolmistress respectively), is a privilege eagerly sought for. With regard to industrial occupations, it may be interesting to note that some experiments in printing with a small press have demonstrated that one (at least) of the boys is quite capable of setting up type, and it is hoped that it may ultimately be possible to establish a printing-office on the premises. Methodical occupation of a healthy character for some of the less promising boys has been found in the simultaneous weeding-classes which have this year been established. The opening of the new Workshops and the completion of the Farm-buildings have been of much advantage in promoting the orderly instruction of the boys in the various occupations respectively carried on therein. Considerable attention has been paid to the industrial training of the girls, and there are now many useful workers amongst them, though it should be borne in mind, in estimating their labour, that comparatively few are physically capable of prolonged or severe exertion.

The Tables appended to this Report exhibit, so far as is possible in a synoptical summary, the principal results of the training, both scholastic and industrial. It may be well to explain that *all* Patients attend school for a greater or less period daily, and that as many as are capable of industrial employment are "half-timers." At present 72 boys and 25 girls are engaged in some department of useful work, a fair proportion of 200 Patients, considering that more than 60 are under 12 years of age.

Attendance at Public Worship in Lancaster is still, as heretofore, a privilege much appreciated; and it may be interesting to remark that not unfrequently the more intelligent Patients are able to give a fairly good account of what they have heard, and in some instances to write out from memory notes of the sermon.

Recreation has been methodically attended to. Almost each week some entertainment has been devised, and amongst special events of this kind I may mention the "Brooke Commemoration Festival" in November; the Christmas Tree Fête on New Year's Eve; a Magic-Lantern entertainment kindly given by Mr. Ingall in January; and a "Christy Minstrel" and Dramatic entertainment later in the winter. During the summer frequent long walks into the country have been taken and a pic-nic excursion to Cockersand Abbey was much enjoyed by a large party of Patients. During the month of

August upwards of 50 Patients of two years standing went home for holidays, for periods varying from one to five weeks ; they have, as a rule, been very ready to return to the Asylum at the end of the prescribed time, and there has been a gratifying concurrence of testimony on the part of friends as to the improvement observed by them.

Some of the Patients having now completed half of the seven years' course allotted for the training of Election Cases, it may be interesting to enquire as to the degree of progress already attained by them. Taking the 50 boys admitted in the early part of 1871, we find that 40 still remain in the Institution. Of these, 11 have improved to a very notable extent, most of them being well advanced in practical industrial employments ; 7 others have made considerable progress at school ; and the remaining 22 (some of them very young cases) have, without exception, improved more or less in habits and in general conduct. With regard to these early Patients it should be borne in mind that they did not at first enjoy all the advantages which the development of the establishment has now rendered available.

Much popular interest is still displayed in the working of the Institution ; of late (during the Morecambe excursion season) upwards of 500 visitors have each week passed through the building.

No alteration has occurred during the year in the staff of officers, to whom, as on former occasions, my acknowledgments are due for the earnest and efficient manner in which they have discharged their respective duties.

In conclusion, I have again to thank the Committee for much kind consideration, and beg to subscribe myself,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. E. SHUTTLEWORTH,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

*Royal Albert Asylum,
7th September, 1874.*

CASES OF IMPROVEMENT ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE FOREGOING REPORT.

B O Y S .

I.—No. 16, *J. H. S.*, aged 14 years, admitted Jan., 1871. When admitted a restless, peculiar boy : used to knock his forehead against the wall for the sake of producing a bump. Knew a few letters, and could write a little, but could not calculate at all, and could not be made to settle steadily to any occupation. Now reads easy words : writes well in a copy book : and works simple addition sums. Is making good progress at shoemaking : is able to close, stitch, patch, and nail, and promises well at repairing. Has recently been home for a holiday and has behaved very well.

II.—No. 22, *R. S.*, aged 13, admitted Jan., 1871. When admitted, an uncouth, troublesome lad, much addicted to the use of bad language. Educational attainments *nil*. Now is making progress in school, and is employed on the farm, where he works very well and is generally well conducted.

III.—No. 104, *W. J. E.*, aged 19, admitted August, 1872. A well-formed lad, moderately intelligent, but childish in his conversation, and very impulsive in his conduct. When admitted knew only a few letters and could write but indifferently in a copy-book: had been tried at tailoring, but had not made much progress. Was at first very troublesome, breaking windows on the slightest provocation. Now reads easy words, and copies correctly from a printed book. There is still, as when admitted, a deficiency of calculating power. Works well in the Tailor's Shop, and can, under supervision, make waistcoats and trousers fairly. Is well-conducted, and is employed as messenger to Lancaster.

IV.—No. 151, *B. H.*, aged 11, admitted April, 1873. When admitted unable to make an intelligible articulate sound, and very deaf. Knew one or two letters only. Now, by lip imitation, makes articulate sounds with moderate distinctness: reads several words: makes strokes and curved lines neatly in copy book. Is learning tailoring, and does excellent work at seams and linings.

V.—No. 98, *J. J.*, aged 15, admitted July, 1872. When admitted, a restless, mischievous lad, described as a "perfect nuisance in his own neighbourhood:" could speak intelligibly, but had no educational attainments whatever. Now generally well conducted, and is making good progress in school and in garden-work. Has recently been home for a holiday, and has brought back a very good character.

VI.—No. 161, *W. F. J.*, aged 10 years, admitted April, 1873. When admitted, speech very indistinct: educational attainments *nil*: apt to swallow garbage, &c. Now can speak well: reads a few words at sight: makes strokes and easy letters on slate, and can count a little: sings entire verses of songs from memory very well. Exceedingly well conducted and no bad habits.

G I R L S .

I.—No. 174, *C. R. R.*, aged 8, admitted June, 1873. When admitted, speech fairly good, but educational acquirements *nil*. Now reads a few words at sight, and makes strokes and easy letters on slate. Is beginning to sew fairly.

II.—No. 163, *M. A. M.*, aged 14, admitted April, 1873. When admitted, could make only a few strokes, and form one or two figures: no other educational attainments. Now reads easy words by spelling them: writes easy letters neatly in copy-book: can sew fairly, and is useful in dormitory work.

III.—No. 139, *A. J.*, aged 14, admitted December, 1872. When admitted, speech hesitating: educational attainments *nil*. Now speaks well, reads and writes easy words, calculates a little, and sews fairly. Is employed in the kitchen and scullery, and does much useful work there.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

LANCASTER, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1874.

We have this day completed the Annual Audit of the Accounts of the Royal Albert Asylum, and are able again to bear testimony to the complete system of book-keeping adopted, and to the minute accuracy with which the accounts are kept. We have examined the Vouchers for payments and the Securities for Investments.

The total amount of donations promised to the General Fund (for Land, Building, Furnishing, &c.) to the 30th of June, 1874, was £83,299 17s. 1d.; of which £82,533 19s. 9d. had been actually received.

The Annual Subscriptions show an increase, but not in the proportion observed in the previous year. In order that the resources of the Institution may be utilised to the utmost extent, it is needful that this, as well as other, items of revenue should be largely augmented.

The Institution being now in full working order, and its interests so numerous and varied, the accounts are necessarily very voluminous. We suggest, therefore, that the Audit should, in future be held half-yearly.

FRANCIS JOHN WHITE, PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, MANCHESTER. JAMES CARTER MOON, LANCASTER, DAVID DAVIS, LANCASTER,	}	HONORARY AUDITORS.
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RECEIPTS AND

From June 30th, 1873, to

		GENERAL		
		Receipts.		
		£	s.	d.
To	Balance June 30th, 1873	600	0	0
„	Donations	2,940	0	0
„	Interest on Deposits	4	1	2
„	Rent and Farm and Garden Produce	548	19	9
„	Sundries	2	1	5
„	Balance due to Secretary	22	15	3
„	Balance due to Lancaster Bank	10,698	9	11

£14,816 15 5

Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct, September 25th, 1874.

FRANCIS JOHN WHITE, Public Accountant, Manchester, }
 JAMES CARTER MOON, Lancaster. } HONORARY AUDITORS.
 DAVID DAVIS, Lancaster. }

EXPENDITURE.

June 30th, 1874.

ACCOUNT.

		Expenditure.					
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Secretary, June 30th, 1873	4	9	9			
„ Balance due to Lancaster Bank	2056	18	7			
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„ Expenses of Annual Meeting, Festival, Local Committees, &c.	238	15	7	2,061	8	4
„ Expenses of Elections	171	8	10			
„ Printing Ninth Annual Report, Pamphlets, and General Printing and Stationery	.. .. .	165	16	11			
„ General Advertising	.. .. .	8	1	9			
„ Salaries, Wages, and Travelling Expenses	.. .. .	593	2	5			
„ Office Rent, Rates, Fuel, Gas, Carriage, Telegrams, and Petty Cash Sundries	.. .. .	51	9	4			
„ Postage of Reports, Pamphlets, Circulars, Voting Papers, Letters, &c.	.. .. .	60	15	2			
„ Farm Expenses, including Stock, Implements, &c.	.. .. .	404	3	11			
„ Laying out Grounds and Garden Expenses	.. .. .	339	1	6			
„ Property Expenses	9	3	11			
„ General Sundries	20	4	6			
„ Bank Interest, Commission, &c.	283	15	0			
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„ Estate—Purchase of additional land (2a. 3r. 13p.)	462	0	0	2,315	18	10
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					462	0	0
„ FURNITURE:—							
General	489	13	2			
Ironmongery	112	4	2			
House Linen	23	13	8			
Bedding	313	5	6			
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					938	16	6
„ BUILDING ACCOUNT:—							
Masonry, &c.	2,500	0	0			
Woodwork	1,800	0	0			
Ironwork	300	0	0			
Slating	.. .. .	495	0	8			
Plastering	.. .. .	290	4	4			
Plumbing and Glazing	.. .. .	1,400	0	0			
Heating Apparatus	.. .. .	180	0	0			
Gas Fittings	.. .. .	302	6	7			
Architects' Commission	.. .. .	500	0	0			
Boundary Walls	.. .. .	76	10	8			
Clerk of the Works	.. .. .	126	0	0			
Sundries, including Fire Extinguishing Apparatus, Removing Contractors' Road, &c.	438	9	6			
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					8,408	11	9
BALANCE:—							
Freehold Property				600	0	0
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					<u>£14,816</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>5</u>

RECEIPTS AND
From June 30th, 1873, to

MAINTENANCE

Dr.										£ s. d.		
To	Balance, from June 30th, 1873	2,515	14	4
„	Annual Subscriptions for 1873-74	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,245	11	6
„	Payments for Patients	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,831	0	4
„	Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,781	13	0
„	Interest on Maintenance Account Deposits..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	236	7	8
„	Sundries	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	124	17	4
„	Balance due to Secretary	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	17	0

£8,748 1 2

SUSTENTATION

Dr.										£ s. d.		
To	BALANCE, June 30th, 1873	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34,294	13	0
„	Donations	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	0	0
„	Life Subscriptions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	5	0
„	Legacies	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11,120	0	0
„	Life Interest Payments	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,575	0	0

£47,045 18 0

Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.

FRANCIS JOHN WHITE, Public Accountant, Manchester.	}	HONORARY AUDITORS.
JAMES CARTER MOON, Lancaster.		
DAVID DAVIS, Lancaster.		

EXPENDITURE

June 30th, 1874.

ACCOUNT.

	Cr.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Secretary June 30th, 1873			1	16 2
„ Salaries and Wages		1,802	8	5
„ Travelling Expenses		8	3	3
„ Provisions		3,075	9	0
„ Necessaries—				
Coals		697	17	8
Gas		148	12	3
Water		102	9	6
General		122	15	4
„ Clothing		633	17	6
„ Drugs, Surgery Requisites, &c.		22	17	1
„ Workshop Expenses		14	19	1
„ School Materials		6	19	7
„ Repairs.. .. .		63	19	7
„ Crockery		35	14	6
„ Advertising.. .. .		8	7	5
„ Printing and Stationery		21	15	9
„ Carriage, Postage and Telegrams		6	10	5
„ Insurance		34	9	0
„ Sundries		54	2	4
„ Bank Commission, &c.		9	2	9
„ Balance at Lancaster Bank		1,875	14	7
		£8,748	1	2

FUND ACCOUNT.

	Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By INVESTMENTS :—							
£7,000 East Indian Railway Stock; Interest at 5 per cent		8,007	10	3			
£6,000 Madras Railway Stock; Interest at 5 per cent..		6,343	0	0			
£6,000 Scinde Delhi Railway Stock; Interest at		6,250	0	0			
5 per cent							
£1,200 Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway		1,237	8	0			
Stock; Interest at 5 per cent.							
£3,225 Lancaster Canal Shares, 86 shares at 37½;		3,225	0	0			
Interest at 4½ per cent.							
South Eastern Railway Stock:							
£3250 Preference, Interest at 5 per cent		6,257	16	10			
£1,850 Preference, „ „ 4½ „							
£800 Fixed „ „ 4½ „							
£1,200 (Cockermouth and Workington) London and		2,703	2	6			
North Western Railway Preference Stock;							
Interest at 10 per cent.							
£1,000 Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire		1,000	0	0			
Railway Debenture Stock; Interest at 4½ per cent							
£3,800 Great Western Preference Stock; Interest at		4,290	4	0			
5 per cent... .. .							
£1,200 North Eastern Preference Stock; Interest at		1,212	10	0			
4½ per cent							
£845 Furness Preference Stock; Interest at 6 per		1,133	13	9			
cent.. .. .							
£2,000 Furness Redeemable Preference Stock; in-		2,070	12	6			
terest at 5 per cent.,							
Deposit on £1,000 Madras Railway new £20 shares;		250	6	2			
Interest at 5 per cent							
Deposit on London and North Western Railway		143	0	0			
Preference Stock; Interest at 5 per cent.. .. .							
		44,124	4	0			
Purchase of additional Land (10a. 2r. 34p.)		1950	0	0			
Bank Commission		15	11	5			
Balance at Lancaster Bank		956	2	7			
		£47,045	18	0			

TABLE OF SCHOOL ATTAINMENTS OF PATIENTS:

This Table is compiled from the last half-yearly Reports of the Schoolmaster, Schoolmistress, and Gymnastic Master.

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS.				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Probationary Boys.	3. Infant Boys.	4. Girls.	
	107	11	29	50	197
I. SPEECH.					
1. Make no attempt	5	4	4	2	15
2. Make some attempt	9	6	6	4	25
3. Make a few articulate sounds	3	0	0	2	5
4. Speak indistinctly	28	0	4	7	39
5. Speak fairly	22	1	9	15	47
6. Speak well	40	0	6	20	66
					197
II. READING.					
1. Know no letters or words	39	8	11	10	68
2. Know a few letters	29	2	12	15	58
3. Know all the letters	5	1	0	0	6
4. Know at sight a few words	16	0	6	16	38
5. Read easy words by spelling them	11	0	0	7	18
6. Read fairly	7*	0	0	2	9
<i>* Six Boys read books alone for their own amusement.</i>					197
III. WRITING.					
1. Do nothing but scribble.. .. .	35	9	12	9	65
2. Form strokes, &c., on slate	20	2	16	22	60
3. Do. do. in copy book	18	0	0	6	24
4. Form letters in copy book	15	0	1	8	24
5. Write easy words in copy book	16	0	0	5	21
6. Write fairly	3*	0	0	0	3
<i>* Three Boys write letters home without assistance; and seven others with assistance.</i>					197
IV. ARITHMETIC.					
1. Cannot count at all	25	8	11	9	53
2. Count a little	44	2	11	8	65
3. Count up to 30.. .. .	6	0	6	12	24
4. Understand value of unit figures.. .. .	15	1	1	15	32
5. Work simple addition sums	14	0	0	6	20
6. Work easy sums in simple rules	3*	0	0	0	3
<i>* One Boy works sums in compound interest, vulgar and decimal fractions, &c.; another, in addition & subtraction of money</i>					197

GRADES.	CLASSES OF PATIENTS.				TOTALS.
	1. Senior Boys.	2. Probationary Boys.	3. Infant Boys.	4. Girls.	
	107	11	29	50	197
V. CLOCK LESSON.					
1. Know neither hours nor minutes	54	11	22	29	116
2. Know some of the hours	30	0	7	14	51
3. Know all the hours	11	0	0	7	18
4. Know the hours and quarters	3	0	0	0	3
5. Do. do. and 5 minutes	6	0	0	0	6
6. Can tell the time to a minute	3	0	0	0	3
					197
VI. SHOP LESSON.					
1. Know no coins nor weights	28	11	22	14	75
2. Know a few coins	31	0	7	23	61
3. Do. do. and weights	20	0	0	6	26
4. Know all the coins and some weights..	16	0	0	4	20
5. Know all the coins and all the weights	7	0	0	3	10
6. Do. do. and calculate fairly ..	5	0	0	0	5
					197
VII. COLOUR LESSON.					
1. Know no colours	28	7	11	7	53
2. Know black and white	13	2	7	7	29
3. Know one or two simple colours	19	1	7	13	40
4. Know all the simple colours	34	1	4	9	48
5. Do. do. and some compound shades	11	0	0	7	18
6. Know and can match most compound shades.. .. .	2	0	0	7	9
					197
	For drill 85 more able- bodied Boys.	For drill 33 Infirm Boys.	Infant Boys, 29.	Girls, 50.	197
VIII. DRILL.					
1. Have no idea of drill	10	6	1	5	22
2. Stand at attention when told	12	10	5	9	36
3. Perform simple movements of limbs ..	11	7	4	7	29
4. Go through extension movements fairly	9	10	5	7	31
5. Do. do. well and march ..	16	0	11	5	32
6. Do. do. do. to music ..	27	0	3	17	47
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TABLE OF INDUSTRIAL OCCUPATIONS OF PATIENTS.

This Table is compiled from the Quarterly Returns of the Trade Instructors, Chief Attendant and Head Nurse. It must be understood that the occupations are progressive, in order of difficulty, from 1 to 6.

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.	Number employed in each grade, with quality of work.				Total number em- ployed.
	In- different.	Fair.	Good.	Ex- cellent.	
I. TAILORING.					
1. Preliminary Work	2		1		3 1 4 1 1 0 } 10 Tailors.
2. Sewing Linings		1			
3. Do. Seams		3	1		
4. Felling			1		
5. Making Garments		1			
6. Machining.. .. .					
II. SHOEMAKING.					
1. Preliminary Work	2	2			4 1 3 0 1 0 } 9 Shoemakers
2. Stitching Backs		1			
3. Closing Sides			3		
4. Patching and Nailing					
5. Repairing		1			
6. Bottoming (making)					
III. JOINERY.					
1. Preliminary work					0 2 1 0 1 0 } 4 Joiners.
2. Making pins, &c.		2			
3. Making frames.. .. .		1			
4. Making simple boxes					
5. Dove-tailing	1				
6. Morticing					
IV. GARDENING.					
1. Preliminary work in weeding-class ..		7	2		12 Weeding Boys 0 3 0 1 1 } 5 Gardeners.
2. Barrow-filling and emptying.. .. .					
3. Digging		3			
4. Weeding amongst crops.. .. .		1			
5. Picking peas, fruit, &c.			1		
6. Potato-setting, &c.					

OCCUPATIONS OF BOYS.	Number employed in each grade, and quality of work.				Total number employed.
	In-different	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	
V. FARMING.					
1. Preliminary work—weeding, &c.. ..		1	1		2 2 1 1 1 1 8 Farm Boys.
2. Cleaning yards shippens, &c.		1		1	
3. Feeding stock			1		
4. Weeding amongst crops.. .. .		1			
5. Harvesting					
<i>a</i> Gathering and raking		1			
<i>b</i> Cutting and binding					
6. Milking, &c.	1				1
VI. MISCELLANEOUS OCCUPATIONS.					
1. Shoe-cleaning	7	6	3	1	17 2 4 1 24 miscellaneous employed.
2. Corridor-cleaning	1		1		
3. Laundry-work—mangling, &c., &c. ..			3	1	
4. Store-work			1		

Total number of Boys regularly employed in Industrial Occupations - - - 72.

Several others assist in Dormitory and Day-room arrangements, and in dressing and attending on other Patients.

Four Boys are employed as Messengers to Lancaster.

OCCUPATIONS OF GIRLS.	Number employed in each occupation, and quality of work.				Total number employed.
	In-different.	Fair.	Good.	Excellent.	
1. Preliminary work—dusting, &c.	1	1	1		3
2. Bed-making	2	2	4	2	10
3. Scrubbing	1	1	1	1	4
4. Washing up crockery		2	2		4
5. Kitchen work—preparing vegetables, &c.		1	1		2
6. * Sewing and knitting			2		2

* In school 15 girls are engaged in preliminary work with needle: 9 hem, 9 sew fairly 6 knit, 6 do wool-work.

Total number of Girls employed - - - 25.

LIST OF CLERGYMEN AND MINISTERS

WHO HAVE ALREADY PREACHED IN AID OF THE ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM.

- The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester, at the Parish Church, Lancaster; Rev. John Allen, Vicar.
- Rev. C. J. Vaughan, D.D., (now Master of the Temple), at the Parish Church, Leeds; Rev. Dr. Atlay (now Bishop of Hereford), Vicar.
- Rev. John Allen, St. Mary's Parish Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. Canon Ashwell, Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.
- Rev. R. Atkinson, Cockerham Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. W. C. Bache, Longridge Church, Preston.
- Rev. W. Baitey, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. Francis Bolton, B.A., High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. J. Brack, Skerton Church Lancaster.
- Rev. John Chadwick, Tatham Church, Bentham.
- Rev. S. Chapman, Baptist Chapel, Rochdale.
- Rev. T. J. Clarke, (Southport), at St. Thomas's Church, Lancaster; Rev. C. Campbell, Vicar.
- Rev. E. Dothie, High Street Independent Chapel, Lancaster.
- Rev. J. Fleming, (London), at the Independent Chapel, Lancaster; Rev. E. Dothie, Minister.
- Rev. Dr. Bedford Hall, St. Mary's Church, Sowerby, Halifax.
- Rev. H. Hassard, Stockton-on-the-Forest Church, York.
- Rev. S. Hastings, Rector of Halton, Lancaster; Camp Service of 2nd Adm. Battalion of West Riding Volunteers at Morecambe.
- Rev. H. B. Hawkins, Lytham Church.
- Rev. Thos. Hayes, Bracewell Church, Skipton.
- Rev. T. C. Henley, Kirkby Malham Church, Bell Busk.
- Rev. Thompson Hesk, Wesley Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. W. M. Hitchcock, Whitburn Church, Sunderland.
- Rev. J. Hodgkin, Treales Church, Kirkham.
- Rev. J. Holgate, Baptist Chapel, Salterforth.
- Rev. Canon Hornby, St. Mary's Parish Church, Bury.
- Rev. W. Jackson, Independent Chapel, Whitby.
- Rev. J. Kenworthy, Ackworth Church, Pontefract.
- Rev. W. C. Kewish, Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Radcliffe Bridge, Manchester.
- Rev. T. Faulkner Lee, D.D., and the Rev. T. S. Polehampton, at Christ Church, Lancaster.
- Rev. E. F. Manby, Morecambe Church.
- Rev. C. Marsden, Gargrave Church.
- Rev. J. M. Morgan, Parish Church, Dalton-in-Furness.
- Rev. G. G. Morton, Parish Church, Ulverston

- Rev. D. C. Neary, D.D., South Ossett Church, Wakefield.
 Rev. A. M. Norman, Burnmoor Church, Fence Houses.
 Rev. T. J. Oliver, United Methodist Free Church, Blyth.
 Rev. John Owen, Unitarian Chapel, Whitby.
 Rev. Wilson Pedder, Churchtown Church, Garstang.
 Rev. F. E. Perrin, Whitewell Church, Clitheroe.
 Rev. G. Pickering, Trinity Church, Ulverston.
 Rev. Richard Ray, Wesleyan Chapel, Whitby.
 Rev. J. P. Rigby, Aughton Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. Canon Robinson, Parish Church, Bolton Abbey.
 Rev. W. Rose, Petre Street Chapel, Sheffield.
 Rev. C. T. Royds, Heysham Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. A. D. Shafto, Brancepeth Church, Durham.
 Rev. R. N. Sharpe, Hundersfield, Rochdale.
 Rev. W. Shilleto, Goosnargh Church, Preston.
 Rev. J. Simpson, (Kirkby Stephen), at the Parish Church, Kirkby Lonsdale
 Rev. Canon Ware, Vicar.
 Rev. J. G. Smith, Primitive Methodist Chapel, Stanley Street, Sheffield.
 Rev. H. A. Starkie, Radcliffe Church, Manchester.
 Rev. Canon Stewart and Rev. John Cressor, St. John Baptist Church, Tue
 Brook, Liverpool; Rev. John C. Reade, Vicar.
 Rev. G. F. Weston, Crosby Ravensworth Church, Penrith.
 Rev. E. White, Quernmore Church, Lancaster.
 Rev. A. M. Wilon, Ainstable Church, Penrith.
 Rev. R. W. Wislson, Sutton Church, Cross Hills.
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PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1874.

Baldry, The Misses, Grasmere, large Rocking-horse.
 Baldwin, Miss, Lancaster, 20 Volumes of Books for Library.
 Barrow, Thomas, Lancaster, 2 dozen Neckties.
 Bateson, Surgeon-Major Robert S., Lancaster, £7, for purchase of Nursery Yacht.
 Bell, Joseph, Lancaster, 2 dozen copies Illustrated Nursery Rhymes.
 Bennett, W., Heysham Tower, Lancaster, Basket of Grapes.
 Blackhurst, Mrs., Whittingham, Potato Cleaning Machine.
 Bowness, George, Lancaster, Hall Clock.
 Burrow, Mrs., Lancaster, Packet of Magazines.
 Clark, Edward, Lancaster, Packet of Magazines.
 Clark, Mrs. G. C., Lancaster, Parcel of Music, Songs, &c.
 Clay, Abraham, Radcliffe Bridge, Parcels of Clothing, Boots, and Fents.
 Clay, Messrs., Radcliffe Bridge, Parcel of Cloth.
 Dale, Mrs. John, Leeds, Box of Dressed Dolls and Toys.
 Denis de Vitre, E., M.D., Lancaster, 30lbs. of Grapes for Festival.
 Eckroyd, The Misses, Burnley, Parcel of Clothing.
 Elkin, Miss F., Lancaster, Packet of Music.
 Endwen, Mrs., Lancaster, Dolls and Toys.
 Halstead, Robert, Leigh, Cricket Bats, Wickets, &c.
 Harrison, J. S., Lancaster, Packet of Magazines.
 Hartley, Mrs., Settle, 2 Rabbits.
 Harwood, J. J., Douglas, Isle of Man, Parcel of Songs and Music.
 Howitt, Miss, Lancaster, Knitted Balls.
 Hutchinson, Miss, Lancaster, Scrap Book and Harmonina.
 Kellet, Mrs., Lancaster, Bonbons.
 Kerr & Jubb, Messrs., Halifax, Box of India Rubber Toys and Balls.
 M. J. L., Padiham, 6 small Scrap Books.
 Mansergh, Robert, Lancaster, Toys and Boxes of Handkerchiefs.
 Middlefell, R., Lancaster, 7 Framed Oleographs of Raphael's Cartoons.
 Patey, Miss, Lancaster, Scrap Books.
 Parker, Miss Margaret, Clitheroe, Parcel of Illuminated Texts.
 Parsons, Mrs., Kirkham, Hamper of Toys.
 Rawson, Mrs. F. E., Thorpe, Halifax, Harmonichord, Christmas Banners and Mottoes.
 Roper Mrs., Lancaster, Box of Sweets.
 Satterthwaite, Miss, Lancaster, Parcel of Dolls and Toys.
 Satterthwaite, William, Lancaster, Packet of Magazines.
 Schmieder, Mrs., Windermere, Parcel of Clothing and Box of Toys.
 Seward, Abram, Lancaster, use of Cutlery &c., at Festival.
 Starkie, Mrs., Lancaster, Parcel of Dolls and Toys.
 Thornhill, The Misses, Lancaster, Dressed Dolls, Woollen Articles, and Children's Books.
 Turnbull, Mrs., Newcastle, 3 Violins and 1 Violoncello.

A Donation of Five Guineas entitles a Subscriber to one Vote for Life, in the election of patients, and an Annual Subscription of a Guinea to two Annual votes. Votes to increase in the same proportion for higher sums.

Collecting Purses may be had on application to the Secretary. Every Five Guineas obtained will entitle the Collector to a Life Vote.

ALL THE BANKS IN THE NORTHERN COUNTIES RECEIVE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Early intimation of money so paid should be sent to the Secretary, (Mr. James Diggins, Royal Albert Asylum, Lancaster), that the usual official acknowledgment may be made.

CENSUS OF IDIOTS AND IMBECILES.

ENGLAND.

Number of Idiots and Imbeciles returned in the Householders' Schedules at the Census of 1871:—

MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
14,728	14,724	29,452

The Seven Northern Counties comprising the Royal Albert Asylum District:—

	MALES.	FEMALES.	TOTAL.
LANCASHIRE	1683	1693	3376
YORKSHIRE	1370	1290	2660
DURHAM	312	302	614
CHESHIRE	335	357	692
NORTHUMBERLAND	246	209	455
CUMBERLAND	129	87	216
WESTMORLAND	48	43	91
Total of the District	4123	3981	8104

The returns are, undoubtedly, far below the actual number. It is obvious that, for curious reasons, many persons throughout the country, who unquestionably belong to the class "Idiots and Imbeciles," would not be returned as such in the Householders Schedules; and, as an illustration of the great difficulty of procuring accurate statistics on the subject, it may be mentioned that the Superintendent Registrar of an extensive district ascertained, after careful enquiry, that fully 25 per cent of the Idiots and Imbeciles in his district had not been returned. It may be assumed that the Census Officers of the district secured more than average completeness in their returns, as they received precise and special instructions to see that the Column in the Schedules headed "Imbecile or Idiot" was filled up in all proper cases.

The number of Idiots and Imbeciles of 5 years of age and under 20 returned in the Seven Northern Counties was 2018. Probably a great many at the early period of life would not be entered in the Schedules, owing to the natural disinclination of parents to conclude that their children are so far mentally afflicted as to render it necessary to return them as Idiots or Imbeciles.

The following is the Ratio of returned Idiots and Imbeciles to the entire population in the several places named.

Name.	Population.	Idiots and Imbeciles.	Persons to One Idiot or Imbecile.	Idiots and Imbecile per 20,000 persons.
ENGLAND	22,712,266	29,452	771	25·9
THE SEVEN COUNTIES	7,198,847	8,104	888	22·5
LANCASHIRE	2,849,259	3,376	844	23·7
YORKSHIRE	2,295,569	2,660	900	22·2
DURHAM	742,205	614	1209	16·5
CHESHIRE	539,785	692	780	25·6
NORTHUMBERLAND.	386,646	455	850	23·5
CUMBERLAND	220,253	216	1019	19·6
WESTMORLAND	65,130	91	715	27·9

NOTE.—The Counties are Registration Counties, which differ slightly from the Geographical Counties. Twenty two of the cases returned in Lancashire were removed to the Royal Albert Asylum from other Counties in the District.

SUMMARY OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DISTRICTS

WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD.

	Donations.			Annual Subscriptions.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
LANCASTER (1)	11056	19	4	214	5	2
LIVERPOOL	7418	7	9	130	11	0
BRADFORD (2)	7005	5	0	240	14	6
MANCHESTER (3)	6197	17	8	62	17	0
ROCHDALE (4)	3336	8	0	208	9	0
LEEDS (5)	2894	10	8	125	14	0
PRESTON	2594	0	2	58	5	6
CUMBERLAND (CARLISLE &c.) (6)	2338	6	0	117	12	6
CHESHIRE (CHESTER, STOCKPORT, &c.)	2258	16	10	94	3	6
HALIFAX	2069	6	11	242	12	0
NORTH LONSDALE (ULVERSTON, BARROW, &c.)	1765	10	4	46	4	0
KENDAL	1646	2	0	45	11	6
SKIPTON	1051	7	0	24	19	0
YORK	981	16	6	27	11	6
SETTLE	943	6	1	19	6	6
DURHAM	867	7	9	51	19	6
BOLTON	845	16	0	33	1	6
HUDDERSFIELD	808	12	0	61	0	0
SHEFFIELD	807	7	0	127	7	6
WAKEFIELD	713	8	6	15	4	6
BURNLEY	677	15	0	14	3	6
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE	649	9	6	39	2	6
KIRKBY LONSDALE	628	11	0	6	16	6
WARRINGTON	623	17	6	31	10	0
DARLINGTON	606	13	0	40	8	6
OLDHAM	505	14	0	16	16	0
SOUTHPORT	465	2	4	31	12	6
WIGAN	425	4	0	50	8	0
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	298	17	0	10	10	0
KEIGHLEY	284	1	0			
SCARBOROUGH	280	19	0	13	11	0
SUNDERLAND	284	10	0	11	11	0
ST. HELENS	242	12	0	35	3	6
SELBY	241	6	0	0	10	6
HULL	203	13	0	2	12	6
WHITBY	194	17	9	4	4	0
ROTHERHAM	184	2	6	21	0	0
HARTLEPOOL	122	9	0	8	8	0
DONCASTER	116	6	6	8	8	0
MIDDLESBROUGH	63	0	0	8	18	6
WEST HARTLEPOOL	55	7	6	11	11	0
SOUTH SHIELDS	54	1	6	22	1	0
STOCKTON-ON-TEES	51	5	0	11	2	6
BERWICK-UPON-TWEED	45	16	6	8	17	0

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