

chiefs, and any other such articles of clothing as experience has shown to be likely to be used for purposes of self-destruction. The patient had complained that his rest was disturbed by the frequent opening of the room door by the night attendant on his rounds, and, in consequence of this, Mr. Mould permitted less frequent visits to be paid him.

HOSPITALS.
Manchester
Lunatic Hos-
pital.
Suicide.

On the night of January 13th, at a quarter before 12, the night attendant entered Mr. G's. room, and found him sound asleep and comfortable. During the night he several times passed the door, and observed that all was quiet, but for the reason just mentioned, it was not until about a quarter to five next morning that he again went into the room. The patient was then found to be quite dead, having strangled himself by means of a handkerchief tied round the low bed-post.

On inquiry into the circumstances, we came to the conclusion that this lamentable event was mainly attributable to neglect of the most ordinary precautions applicable to a strongly suicidal case, and informed Mr. Mould and the Committee of Management that such was our opinion.

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.

Royal Albert
Asylum for
Idiots.

The removal of St. Luke's Hospital into the country has not yet been achieved. At our visit this year, we recommended the employment of a larger staff of attendants as absolutely necessary to secure to the patients sufficient out-door exercise; also that a carriage with a pair of horses should be kept, and at least twice every day used, for giving to patients that fresh air and those cheerful sights which, by reason of the position of the hospital and the narrow limits of its yards, they cannot otherwise enjoy. When the Hospital was last visited it was observed that the case books were in arrear; we called the special attention of the Committee to these observations, and immediately received their assurance that they had, since the visit, adopted such regulations as would rectify the books in regard to

St. Luke's
Hospital.

REGISTERED HOSPITALS, AND STATE,

COUNTY.	HOSPITAL.	MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.	NUMBER OF PATIENTS, 1st JANUARY 1873.						ADMISSIONS DURING THE YEAR 1873.						DISCHARGES during the Year 1873.						DEATHS during the Year 1873.														
			PRIVATE.			PAUPER.			Total Lunatics.	Total Number.			Of the Total Number.			Total Number.			Number Recovered.			Total Number.			Number of Post-mortem Examinations made.			From Suicide.							
			M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.		M.	F.	Total.	Re-admissions.			Transfers from other Asylums (not included in the Re-admissions).			M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.		
													M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.																M.	F.
Devon	Wenford House, Exeter	Dr. T. Lyle	42	38	80	-	1	1	81	19	19	38	2	2	4	1	3	4	12	8	20	5	5	10	4	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Gloucester	Barnwood House, Gloucester	Dr. A. J. Wood	40	43	83	-	-	-	83	13	14	27	1	1	2	3	4	7	5	7	12	2	2	4	6	5	11	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Lancaster	Liverpool Lunatic Hospital	J. Y. Wood (Surgeon)	18	21	39	-	-	-	39	21	9	30	4	2	6	2	-	2	10	11	21	5	6	11	6	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-		
"	Manchester Royal Lunatic Hospital, Cheahle.	G. W. Mould (Surgeon)	72	83	155	-	-	-	155	29	33	62	3	2	5	5	5	10	26	20	46	14	14	28	11	9	20	2	1	3	1	1	-	-	
"	Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots, Lancaster.	Dr. G. E. Shuttleworth	98	19	117	14	-	14	131	47	30	77	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	7	-	-	-	5	-	5	4	-	4	-	-	-	-		
Lincoln	Lincoln Lunatic Hospital	F. D. Walsh (Surgeon)	42	33	75	-	-	-	75	10	12	22	-	2	2	2	-	2	9	8	17	2	1	3	3	1	4	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Middlesex	St. Luke's Hospital, Old-st.	Dr. R. Eager	68	110	178	-	-	-	178	45	82	127	2	5	7	3	5	8	37	59	96	15	33	50	8	6	14	3	1	4	-	-	-	-	
Norfolk	Bethel Hospital, Norwich	R. E. Gibson (Surgeon)	25	48	73	3	2	5	78	9	3	12	1	1	2	2	1	3	5	4	9	2	2	4	4	2	6	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	
Northampton	Northampton General Lunatic Hospital.	J. Bayley (Surgeon)	71	72	143	151	134	285	428	94	105	199	12	12	24	8	29	37	67	57	124	29	39	68	34	25	59	5	4	9	-	-	-	-	
Notts	Nottingham Lunatic Hospital, The Coppice, Nottingham.	Dr. W. B. Tate	33	31	64	-	-	-	64	7	8	15	2	-	2	-	-	7	4	11	5	4	9	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Oxford	Warendon Asylum, Headington Hill, near Oxford.	Dr. J. B. Ward	30	29	59	-	-	-	59	2	4	6	1	-	1	1	3	4	1	2	3	1	-	1	2	1	3	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	
Stafford	Charitable Institution for the Insane, Gotton Hill, near Stafford.	Dr. J. D. Hewson	71	69	140	1	-	1	141	18	13	31	1	2	3	3	1	4	8	13	21	3	9	12	2	3	5	2	3	5	-	-	-	-	
Surrey	Bethlehem Hospital, Lambeth.	Dr. W. R. Williams	97	153	250	-	-	-	250	85	126	210	10	13	23	6	5	11	73	128	201	31	79	110	16	9	19	9	6	15	*2	2	-	-	-
"	Asylum for Idiots, Earl's Wood, Regent.	Dr. G. W. Graham	379	180	558	-	-	-	558	46	29	75	3	4	7	-	1	1	24	16	40	-	-	11	10	21	2	5	7	-	-	-	-		
York	York Lunatic Hospital, Beotham.	Dr. P. Needham	77	59	136	22	24	46	182	16	22	38	4	3	7	1	1	2	14	12	26	9	7	16	6	4	10	-	-	-	-	-	-		
"	The Retreat, York	Dr. J. Kitching	50	86	136	-	-	-	136	7	11	18	1	4	5	1	-	1	3	7	10	2	6	8	3	4	7	2	4	6	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL			1,213	1,083	2,296	191	161	352	2,648	468	519	987	47	53	100	38	68	96	307	357	664	123	209	334	117	82	199	33	26	59	3	3	-	-	
Berks	State Criminal Asylum, Broadmoor, Wokingham.	Dr. W. Orange	272	64	336	134	38	172	508	44	11	55	1	1	2	-	-	24	7	31	5	5	10	11	1	12	11	1	12	1	1	-	-		
Hants	Netley Abbey, Southampton	Dr. T. Blatherwick	26	-	26	-	-	-	26	158	-	158	2	-	2	-	-	-	140	-	140	46	-	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Middlesex	Royal India Lunatic Asylum, Ealing.	Dr. T. B. Christie	103	15	118	-	-	-	118	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	2	-	2	3	-	3	3	-	3	-	-	-	-		
Norfolk	Royal Naval Hospital, Yarmouth.	Dr. W. Macleod (Deputy Inspector General).	194	-	194	-	-	-	194	32	-	32	-	-	3	-	3	7	-	7	5	-	5	21	-	21	14	-	14	-	-	-	-		
TOTAL			605	79	674	134	38	172	846	236	12	248	3	1	4	3	-	3	170	7	180	58	5	63	35	1	36	28	1	29	1	1	-	-	

* One of these suicides was committed whilst the patient was out on leave.

NAVAL, AND MILITARY ASYLUMS.

PATIENTS REMAINING, 1st JANUARY 1874.																				Average Number Resident during 1873.			Proportion per Cent. of Recoveries on Admissions during the Year 1873.			Proportion per Cent. of Deaths on Daily Average Number Resident during the Year 1873.			Proportion per Cent. of Deaths on Total Number under Treatment during the Year 1873.			HOSPITAL.		
PRIVATE.			PAUPER.			Total Lunatics	Number deemed Curable.			Found Lunatic by Inquisition.			Criminals.			Chargeable to County or Borough Rates.			M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.		F.	Total.
M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.																
45	47	92	-	1	1	93	3	3	6	5	3	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	44	85	20.31	26.31	20.31	9.75	4.34	7.05	6.55	3.44	5.91	Wesfold House.			
42	45	87	-	-	-	87	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59	43	82	15.38	14.28	14.81	15.38	11.62	13.41	11.32	8.77	10.00	Barnwood House.			
23	18	41	-	-	-	41	4	4	8	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	18	38	22.60	66.66	36.66	30.00	5.55	18.42	15.38	3.33	10.14	Liverpool Lunatic Hospital.			
64	87	151	-	-	-	151	13	18	31	5	4	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	70	82	152	48.27	42.42	45.16	15.71	10.97	13.15	10.89	7.75	9.21	Manchester Royal Lunatic Hospital.			
133	47	180	15	1	16	196	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	125	30	156	-	-	-	3.96	-	2.20	3.14	-	2.40	Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots.			
40	36	76	-	-	-	76	4	5	9	0	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	34	74	20.00	8.33	13.63	7.50	2.94	5.90	5.76	2.22	4.12	Lincoln Lunatic Hospital.			
68	127	195	-	-	-	195	29	58	87	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	62	104	166	33.93	42.63	39.37	12.90	5.76	8.43	7.07	3.12	4.59	St. Luke's Hospital.			
25	46	71	3	1	4	75	6	8	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	49	77	22.22	66.66	33.33	14.28	4.68	7.73	10.81	3.77	6.66	Bedford Hospital.			
81	96	177	184	133	267	414	43	52	95	3	5	8	1	1	2	2	-	-	216	211	427	39.85	37.14	34.17	15.74	11.81	13.61	10.75	8.03	9.40	Northampton Hospital.			
31	35	66	-	-	-	66	3	4	7	4	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	33	66	71.42	50.00	60.00	6.06	-	3.03	5.00	-	2.33	Nottingham Lunatic Hospital.			
29	30	59	-	-	-	59	-	1	1	4	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	29	59	50.00	-	16.66	6.66	3.44	5.03	0.25	3.03	4.61	Warneford Asylum.			
79	66	145	1	-	1	146	11	10	21	7	5	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	76	69	145	16.66	69.23	28.70	2.63	4.34	3.44	2.23	3.65	2.90	Charitable Institution, Cotton Hill.			
99	141	240	-	-	-	240	74	110	184	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	102	135	237	36.47	63.20	59.38	9.60	6.66	8.01	5.49	3.23	4.13	Bethlehem Hospital.			
390	192	582	-	-	-	582	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	382	190	572	-	-	-	2.87	5.26	3.67	2.58	4.58	3.26	Asylum for Idiots.			
74	60	134	21	29	50	184	4	7	11	8	4	12	1	-	1	1	1	99	85	184	56.55	31.81	45.10	6.06	4.70	5.43	5.21	3.80	4.54	York Lunatic Hospital.				
61	80	137	-	-	-	137	4	7	11	4	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	50	87	137	28.57	54.54	44.44	6.09	4.39	5.10	5.25	4.12	4.54	The Retreat, York.			
1,274	1,159	2,433	174	165	339	2,772	198	288	486	49	32	81	2	2	4	2	1	3	1,414	1,243	2,657	26.70	40.26	33.83	8.27	6.69	7.48	6.25	4.65	5.47				
267	64	331	148	41	189	520	59	32	91	-	-	-	415	105	520	37	10	47	497	101	598	11.36	45.45	18.18	2.70	.90	2.36	2.41	.88	2.13	State Criminal Asylum.			
44	-	44	-	-	-	44	28	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	-	32	29.11	-	29.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	Netley Abbey, Southampton.			
100	16	116	-	-	-	116	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	102	16	118	100.00	-	06.66	2.94	-	2.51	2.85	-	2.47	Royal India Lunatic Asylum.			
198	-	198	-	-	-	198	8	-	8	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	197	-	197	15.62	-	16.66	10.65	-	10.65	9.29	-	9.29	Royal Naval Hospital.			
609	80	689	148	41	189	878	96	32	128	2	-	2	416	105	521	37	10	47	738	117	855	24.67	41.66	26.49	4.74	.95	4.21	3.62	.77	3.20				

Appendix (G.)—HOSPITALS.—STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE, &c.

HOSPITALS.	Salaries of Officers.		Wages of Attendants and Servants.		Food.		Wines, Spirits, and Malt Liquors.		Medicines.		Fuel and Light.	
	£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.	£.	s. d.
<i>LANCASHIRE (continued).</i>												
Manchester Royal Lunatic Hospital -	1,483	- -	1,527	9 4	5,966	13 9	1,265	19 3	32	3 7	1,041	8 3
Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots, Lancaster.	578	15 3	1,033	15 5	2,492	6 5	47	5 7	15	18 5	749	11 6
<i>LINCOLNSHIRE :</i>												
Lincoln Lunatic Hospital - - -	333	15 -	568	2 9	1,918	18 6	326	6 7	12	19 6	348	13 7
<i>MIDDLESEX :</i>												
St. Luke's Hospital, Old-street, E. C. -	1,275	- -	(a)	1,173 15 1	(a)	3,217 17 2	(a)	799 16 2	90	13 7	(a)	741 5 -

(a) Not including items carried to laundry accounts.

ROYAL ALBERT ASYLUM, LANCASTER.

10 April 1873.

THE inspection which we made to-day of this hospital enables us to report very favourably of its management, progress, and present condition.

Since our Colleagues visit on the 17th February in last year, 45 males and 20 females have been received for treatment; 4 boys have been discharged, and 6 boys and 1 girl have died; 3 of the 7 deaths are attributed to chest diseases; 3 to diseases of the bowels, and 1 to hydrocephalus.

The total number of patients now upon the books is 143; consisting of 124 males and 19 females. Every patient has been seen by us, and many we have specially noticed. Their orderly demeanour, happy appearance, and personal condition, bear strong testimony to the kind and judicious treatment which they have received. Several exhibit much intelligence, and, as far as we could judge from observation and the records of educational improvement shown to us, their training has been very successful. In regard to dress, both boys and girls have, at least, two suits.

We saw the boys, in school and at play. The girls were, many of them, employed in needlework, and a few in domestic duties. Those usefully occupied may be thus distributed:—In school, 110 boys, 19 girls; otherwise employed, boys 67, girls 10. Of the former, 6 are in the joiners', 7 in the tailors', and as many in the shoemakers' shops; 27 work in the garden and at the farm; 3 are laundry-keepers; 3 take a share in the house-work; 14 clean shoes; 1 is a messenger, and 2 practice basket-making on wet days.

None were in seclusion at our visit. In fact, seclusion is never resorted to; and since our colleagues were here, there has been but one application of restraint. This was by gloves, and the fastening of his pinafore, in the case of a boy, and its sole object was to prevent him from putting his hands into his mouth, and thereby causing a sore.

We found 1 boy only in bed; his ailment was acute rheumatism. He was lying on a wove-wire mattress, and seemed to be well cared for in all respects. Three children are taking medicine.

We were present at dinner in the hall, where both sexes take their meals. Solid meat is given on five days in the week, with potatoes, other vegetables, and puddings of various sorts. Milk porridge serves for breakfast and supper. The dietary is, we think, liberal; but we would suggest for consideration by the Committee whether, by some alteration of the times for meals, the interval of 14 hours between supper and breakfast might not be diminished. To some of the younger children, we understand that the matron now supplies slight refreshment in the dormitories. It is, in our opinion, a matter of great importance, that support by food should be at times not far apart, for all children of low vital power received into this hospital.

In regard to the building itself, we found it thoroughly well ventilated, free from offensive odour, and, where occupied, clean and in

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Appendix (H.)

 Royal Albert
 Asylum.

good order. Nowhere, however, have the interior walls yet received attention in papering, colouring, or painting, though the boys department appears to be quite ready. We trust the finances of the hospital will enable the Committee forth with to carry out this work, which is most essential to the comfortable look of the day-rooms, dormitories, and corridors.

We are glad to hear that large contributions, so much needed for the welfare of the institution, have been received since the Commissioners last visit, and we trust that others will follow until a sufficient sustentation-fund shall have secured the permanence of the charity. The new wing is not yet opened, but it is approaching completion, and furniture has been ordered for 130 beds there. When this wing shall have been finished, the hospital will be capable of accommodating 300 children in each division; giving, as we have been told, 800 cubic feet, or thereabouts, to the occupant of every bed in a dormitory.

The new laundry has been fitted up and brought into use. The ventilation of the suite of rooms in the basement, which the more helpless boys occupy, has been improved, and a bath, and trough water-closets have been added. No attendant, however, sleeps in the dormitory used by these boys; the married couple in charge of them, pass the night in a room separated by a passage from it. Females now make the beds, with the aid of some of the girls, throughout the hospital.

Efforts in the direction of amusement have been continuous. In an institution of this kind, varied forms of recreation and instruction must ever be kept in view.

We note that the attendance at Sunday morning service includes about 50 children; in the school on Sunday evening last were 100. That number is present at morning prayers on week-days, and rather a larger number at the evening devotions.

Around the hospital the land is still in some disorder, and much remains to be done. Doubtless the Committee will, as soon as possible, carry out the useful as well as ornamental work of laying out, and liberally planting, the grounds, beyond which some of the children may not be capable of going. As the hospital grounds are somewhat exposed, we think that no time should be lost in planting trees, and erecting sun-shades for the protection of the children while out of doors, from the summer heat.

We have much satisfaction in recording our opinion, not only of the condition of this hospital, but also of the great benefits which the northern counties are likely to derive from it.

LINCOLN LUNATIC HOSPITAL.

5 July 1873.

Lincoln
 Hospital.

TO-DAY has been devoted by us to the inspection of this hospital. We have seen every patient, and given to all our attention. There are now on the books 43 gentlemen and 33 ladies. By death, 1 male and 4 females have been removed, and there have been altogether
 21 discharges