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LUNATIC ASYLUM
AND
ORPHAN ASYLUM.

1916-1917.

LUNATIC ASYLUM RETURN, for the year 1916-1917.

Question I. (Statistical).
GENERAL STATISTICAL TABLE.

	Remaining on 31st March 1916	Number Admitted during above period	Daily Average Number during above period	Number of Attendants				Discharged				Number of Patients who died in above period	Average stay of those			Remaining on 31st March 1917
				Resident		Non-Resident		Casual	Referred	Not improved	Not objects for the Asylum		Died in above period	Discharged in above period	Remaining on 31st March 1917	
				Employed in Attendance on the Patients	Employed as Servants or only partially as Attendants	Employed in Attendance on the Patients	Employed as Servants or only partially as Attendants									
Males...	429	87	437	37	2	—	19	19	10	9	9	39	4780	452	4540	439
Females	335	34	341	29*	3†	—	6	6	5	0	4	25	4056	481	4472	343
Totals	764	121	778	66	5	—	25	25	15	13	55	—	—	—	782	

* Six are Sisters of Charity who perform duty only in the Female Division. † One is a Sister of Charity in charge of the Wash-house.

OBITUARY TABLE.

Number of deceased on Register	Age of deceased	Sex of deceased	Physical condition when admitted	Form of Mental Disorder	Date of Admission	Cause of Death	State whether a Coroner's Inquest was held and what was the Verdict	State whether a Post Mortem Examination was held		
4841	35	Male	Good	Delusional Insanity	11. 8. 08	Exhaustion from Mania	}	}		
3160	83	"	Weak	Do	10. 7. 88	Fatty Degener. of Heart				
5278	52	"	Sick	Dementia	11. 7. 14	Cerebral Syphilis				
5225	45	"	Do	Gen. Paral. of the Insane	24. 10. 13	Gen. Paral. of the Insane				
5329	35	"	Weak	Idiocy	3. 2. 15	Enteritis				
2815	68	"	Good	Dementia	26. 3. 84	Fatty Degener. of Heart				
5173	45	"	Do	Delusional Insanity	15. 1. 13	Cerebral Haemorrhage				
5467	43	"	Sick	Toxic Psychosis	21. 7. 10	Pneumonia				
3789	70	"	Weak	Mania	13. 10. 96	Cerebral Haemorrhage				
2549	66	"	Good	Delusional Insanity	31. 7. 80	Fatty Degener. of Heart				
5132	62	"	Weak	Senile Insanity	16. 2. 16	Do				
5449	60	"	Sick	Do	3. 5. 16	Valvular Disease of Heart				
5222	33	"	Do	Delusional Insanity	31. 10. 13	Tubercular Phthisis				
5481	51	"	Do	Dementia	21. 9. 16	Enteritis				
4860	60	"	Good	Melancholia	5. 2. 09	Valvular Disease of Heart				
2855	57	"	Do	Idiotism	8. 9. 84	Fatty Degener. of Heart				
5493	44	"	Weak	Unclassified	11. 11. 16	Exhaustion from Mania				
3927	59	"	Good	Imbecility	13. 6. 98	Enteritis				
2540	66	"	Do	Mania	1. 6. 86	Cerebral Haemorrhage				
1512	84	"	Do	Do	29. 1. 62	Fatty Degener. of Heart				
5158	37	"	Sick	Dementia	29. 5. 16	Do				
5126	38	"	Weak	Do	5. 2. 16	Cerebral Congestion				
3266	43	"	Good	Idiotism	26. 5. 91	Mal. New growth of Throat				
5178	41	"	Sick	Epileptic Insanity	5. 2. 13	Cancer of Penis				
5052	99	"	Weak	Melancholia	27. 12. 11	Valvular Disease of Heart				
3709	49	"	Good	Imbecility	21. 9. 95	Tubercular Phthisis				
5380	42	"	Weak	Manic-depressive Insanity	15. 8. 15	Cerebral Congestion				
2573	55	"	Good	Lypsoeman	27. 11. 54	Valvular Disease of Heart				
5473	39	"	Weak	Manic-depressive Insanity	15. 12. 16	Diffuse Myelitis			No	No
3754	47	"	Good	Delusional Insanity	23. 9. 96	Valvular Disease of Heart				
3094	40	Female	Good	Mania	13. 3. 900	Mal. New growth of Uterus			}	}
3998	34	"	Sick	Exhaustion Psychosis	3. 4. 16	Chronic Nephritis				
3951	67	"	Do	Senile Insanity	12. 11. 15	Valvular Disease of Heart				
2896	62	"	Good	Delusional Insanity	24. 7. 96	Cerebral Haemorrhage				
1776	60	"	Do	Mania	16. 1. 76	Valvular Disease of Heart				
3191	39	"	Do	Do	30. 4. 02	Fatty Degener. of Heart				
3821	39	"	Weak	Manic-depressive Insanity	20. 10. 13	Enteritis				
3778	39	"	Do	Melancholia	23. 1. 13	Tubercular Phthisis				
2259	72	"	Good	Delusional Insanity	14. 11. 84	Fatty Degener. of Heart				
3248	29	"	Weak	Dementia Praecox	24. 7. 12	Exhaust. from Melancholia				
3795	49	"	Do	Manic-depr. w. Insanity	6. 11. 12	Enteritis				
3991	80	"	Do	Dementia	17. 8. 16	Valvular Disease of Heart				
3199	43	"	Sick	Delusional Insanity	6. 10. 16	Tubercular Phthisis				
2871	80	"	Good	Do	24. 12. 95	Valvular Disease of Heart				
1009	21	"	Sick	Unclassified	20. 12. 16	Tubercular Phthisis				
2339	63	"	Good	Mania	5. 4. 86	Valvular Disease of Heart				
3185	56	"	Do	Enuresis	18. 11. 05	Fatty Degener. of Heart				
3805	72	"	Weak	Senile Insanity	8. 7. 13	Pneumonia				
3113	42	"	Good	Imbecility	16. 7. 900	Enteritis				
3896	57	"	Sick	Epileptic Insanity	8. 1. 15	Epilepsy				
2031	72	"	Good	Mania	21. 5. 81	Cerebral Haemorrhage				
3607	54	"	Weak	Melancholia	5. 3. 15	Do				
3438	71	"	Do	Dementia	20. 10. 00	Valvular Disease of Heart				
2926	77	"	Good	Mania	20. 7. 97	Enteritis				
3984	57	"	Sick	Melancholia	6. 7. 16	Valvular Disease of Heart				

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SPACE AND ACCOMMODATION TABLE.

Description of Rooms	Number of such Rooms	Gross cubic space of all such Rooms	Gross superficial area of all such Rooms	Average amount of cubic space available for each inmate	Average temperature		Amount of Window Space
					Winter	Summer	
Infirmaries & Dormitories	75	812,179	40,572	1,185			Square Feet 6,428
Day Rooms and Corridors used as Day Rooms	26	662,493	36,354	851	50°	67°	3,755
Single Rooms	65	107,517	6,097	1,654			781

* Including the Infirmary the Criminal Ward and those forming part of a detached building on the grounds of the Asylum, designated the Agricultural Colony, where quiet patients chiefly belonging to the agricultural class are kept.

What is the source of the Water supply ; the quality of the water ; and the amount of water available for each patient every day ?

A natural spring, at a distance from the Asylum ; the quality is good, and the quantity available for each patient every day is between 20 and 25 gallons for all services. Water for drinking is supplied under pressure from the aqueduct.

What is the No. of (I) Lavatories ?
(II) Baths ? †
(III) Latrines ?

26 (Marble shelves with earthen basin).
26 (19 Carrara and seven porcelain).
34 (25 in Wards, and 9 in the airing Courts), the former are built in projection and provided with cross ventilated anterooms and paved with marble. The troughs are provided with ventilating shafts and are flushed automatically.

What is the system of Sewerage ?

A sewer outside the building receives branches from all the latrines, bath rooms, sculleries and wash houses, and discharges its contents directly into the main drain. The whole system is provided with ventilating shafts and has an automatic and periodical flushing.

† A small building in Central Yard is supplied with all necessary hygienic appliances for extensive purposes.

Question II. (Management).
RESTRAINT.

Restraint	Seclusion under Lock and Key	Restraint by Attendants	Mechanical Restraint
The number of times resorted to...	5 times		
The number of persons subjected to	4 No.	None	None
The greatest duration of, in any single instance	6 hours and 30 minutes		

In reference to the above table state:—
I. By whose authority Patients are restrained ?
II. What kinds of mechanical restraint are in use ?
III. Whether any, and if any, how many cases of cruelty by attendants to patients have been brought to the notice of the proper authority, and what the result in each case ?
IV. What was the number of cases of injury to patients (I) By themselves ?

Seclusion only is resorted to—when ordered in writing by the Medical Officers. These records are laid before the Asylum Board.

None.
None.

{ Accidental—Fifteen slight.
{ Self inflicted—One slight.
Three slight.
None.

(II) By other patients ?
(III) By attendants ?

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(OCCUPATION).

State the extent of

(I) The airing Courts.

(II) And other grounds.

Are the Patients, as a rule, given daily exercise, their health permitting?

Are they confined to airing Courts, or allowed to walk in other grounds, and sent beyond the Asylum?

Are there means taken to amuse the patients, or to induce them to amuse themselves? Detail them.

How many religious services were held during the year?

What was the average attendance?

In what building and how many could it contain?

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Yes.

} Belonging to the Asylum.

Some are confined to airing Courts, some are allowed to walk in the grounds and some are sent beyond the Asylum.

Yes: card games, periodicals, pleasure trips, musical entertainments, &c.

Religious services are held daily.

165. 89 Males and 76 Females.

In the Chapel, which can contain about 160.

Daily average number of Patients who were employed during above period.

Distinguishing the Sexes	Specifying the nature of the employment		
	Agriculture and gardening	Trade	Household work, Dressing, Washing, &c.
Males	48	86	56
Females	—	79	55
	48	165	111
	324		

Question III. (Diet).

Dietary Table.

Bread 20 oz. Meat 4½ oz.—Paste or Rice 3 oz.—Vegetables 1½ ration.
Fruit 1 ration—Wine ¼ pint—Coffee ½ pint and Sugar ½ oz.

Question IV. (Inspection).

The Patients in the Asylum were divided into the following classes:—

	M.	F.
(I.) Maniacal and Dangerous...	100	82
(II.) Quiet Chronic	255	205
(III.) Melancholy and Suicidal...	16	12
(IV.) Idiotic, Paralytic, Epileptic	68	44
Total	439	343
	782	

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Number of Visits of Inspection paid to the Asylum during the above period.

Distinguishing those visits in which all patients were seen and every part of the building visited, from visits of Partial Inspection	and stating the Official Position of the Visitors							
	By the Governor or Colonial Secretary		By a Government Inspector		By a Committee of the Governing Body		By an Inspector specially charged to ascertain the condition of the Asylum or otherwise of the Patients	
	By Appointment	By Surprise	By Appointment	By Surprise	By Appointment	By Surprise	By Appointment	By Surprise
1. Complete Inspection...	Two by the Governor by surprise.		The Comptroller of Charit. Institutions frequently visits the Asylum by appointment or by surprise. The Chief Govt. Medical Officer visits the Asylum once a month.		A Board inspects the Asylum once every week.		This duty is performed by the Visiting Physician who attends three times a week. A Board meets weekly to testify to the insanity of the patients admitted during the week, and to sanction the discharge of patients.	
2. Partial Inspection ...	Nil							

State how many reports of the following kinds have come under the notice of the Governor:—

(I.) Financial and Statistical (showing, amongst other things, on what system the Money and Store Accounts are kept and audited.)

(I.) The Comptroller of Charitable Institutions renders to the Auditor General his money Accounts monthly, and a Store Account, annually, in the form prescribed by the Colonial Regulations.

(II.) Reports by the person or persons charged with the immediate management of the Asylum.

(II.) The officer in charge of the Asylum sends weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual statistical returns and monthly financial reports to the Comptroller of Charitable Institutions. He also furnishes other reports regarding the management of the Asylum.

(III.) Reports by an Official Inspector independent of the Governing body of the Asylum.

(III.) The Comptroller of Charitable Institutions performs this duty, and reports to Government the result of his inspections when necessary. He also furnishes an annual report on the working of the Department.

Question I. (Statistical).

GENERAL STATISTICAL TABLE.

Remaining on 31st March 1916.		Number admitted during above period	Daily average Number during above period	Number of Officers and of Attendants		Discharged				Total	Remaining on 31st March 1917.
Sex	No.			Resident	Non-Resident	Amount of age	Withdrawn	For amendment	Total		
Males	39	10	43	3	7	2	1	—	—	3	46
Females	44	7	41	7	2	6	1	—	—	7	44
Totals	83	17	84	10	9	8	2	—	—	10	90

* Sisters of Charity who perform duty in Female Division.

SPACE AND ACCOMMODATION TABLE.

Description of Rooms	Number of each Rooms	Gross cubic space of all such Rooms	Gross superficial area of all such Rooms	Average amount of cubic space available for each inmate	Average temperature		Amount of Window Space
					Summer	Winter	
Dormitories [Male Division]	2	62,541	4,732	1,454	90°	50°	575
Do. [Female Do.]	1	106,299	4,572	2,593			472
Day Room [Male Do.]	1	114,174	5,677	2,655			525
Do. [Female Do.]	4 (Chapel included)	164,072	6,936	4,002			574
School [Male Do.]	1	1,312	909	—	—	—	
Yards of play grounds [Male Do.]	1	—	3,088	—	—	—	
Do. [Female Do.]	1	—	4,953	—	—	—	

What is the source of Water Supply; the quality of the water; and the amount of water available for each patient every day?

The potable water is conveyed from a natural spring to a storage reservoir at about $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the town, and thence by an iron main to the Asylum. The second quality water is pumped from a natural spring at about three miles from the town to a feeding tank in Valletta, and thence distributed through iron pipes. Any quantity is available, as the building is directly connected with the aqueducts.

What is the Number of (I.) Lavatories?

- (II.) Baths?
(III.) Latrines?

Two sets (earthenware basins fixed on marble slabs) one in each division.

Two. Porcelain.

Two Latrines, one in each Division, laid in marble composition and provided with automatic flushing.

What is the system of Sewerage?*

Water system. The privies are separated from the Wards by ventilated anterooms.

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Question II.

Daily average number of inmates who were apprenticed to Trades and Industrial Occupations during above period.

Sex	Household work &c.	Apprentices in Trades		Number of those who, on discharge, obtained employment
		In the Asylum	Out of the Asylum	
Males	All the boys by turn.	2	16	2
Females	Washing, ironing, sewing, cooking and dress-making by turn.	16	-	3

Question III. (Diet).

Dietary Table.

Bread 20 oz.—Meat oz. $\frac{3}{4}$ —Paste or Rice 2 oz.—Vegetables 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ration
 Milk pint $\frac{1}{2}$ —Coffee* pint $\frac{1}{2}$ —Sugar oz. $\frac{3}{4}$ —Fruit rations 2
 Wine for Orphans employed in trades or household work oz. 4—Bread 5 oz.—Fruit 1 ration.

* Tea is now given instead of Coffee.

Question IV. (Inspection).

Number of Visits of Inspection paid to the Asylum during the above period.

Distinguishing those visits in which all inmates were seen and every part of the building visited, from visits of Partial Inspection	and stating the Official Position of the Visitor.							
	By the Governor or Colonial Secretary		By a Government Inspector		By a Committee of the Governing Body		By an Inspector specially charged to ascertain the state of health of the inmates	
	By Appointment	By Surprise	By Appointment	By Surprise	By Appointment	By Surprise	By Appointment	By Surprise
1. Complete Inspection	One by the Governor by appointment, and one by the Lieut. Governor by surprise.		The Compt. of Char. Inst. visits frequently the Asylum by surprise. The Chief Govt. Medical Officer also visits the Asylum.		Nil		This duty is performed by a Medical Attendant who visits the Asylum daily.	
2. Partial Inspection	Nil							

