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LUNATIC ASYLUM.

1878.

LUNATIC ASYLUM RETURN, for the year 1878.

Question 1. (Statistical).

GENERAL STATISTICAL TABLE.

	Number Admitted during 1878	Daily Average Number during 1878	Number of Attendants				Discharged			Number of Patients who died in 1878	Average Stay of those		
			Resident		Non-Resident		Cured	Relieved	Not Improved		Dead in 1878	Discharged	Remaining at end of 1878
			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							
Male	62	180	11	3	—	4	25	8	11	14	days	days	days
Female	47	186	10	—	1	8	22	7	6	11	1,233	125	3,680
Total ..	109	366	21	3	1	12	47	15	17	25	4,060	295	7,707

OBITUARY TABLE.

Number of Deceased on Register	Age of Deceased	Sex of Deceased	Bodily 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
2394	70	Male	Paralytic	Prog. Paralysis	23 January 78	Prog. Paralysis	Only in cases of violent deaths a judicial inquest is held by one of the Magistrates of Judicial Police. No violent death occurred during 1878.	Four Post-Mortem examinations were held during the year for scientific investigations.
2254	60	"	"	Mania	29 Sept. 75	Man. Exhaustion		
2000	27	"	Normal	Dementia	9 June 71	Phthisis		
2190	26	"	"	Mania	16 Sept. 74	Phthisis		
2399	92	"	"	Dementia	22 February 78	Old age		
1558	49	"	"	Mania	31 October 72	Man. Exhaustion		
2403	48	"	Feeble	Lypemania	28 March 78	Do.		
2367	57	"	"	Dementia	31 August 77	Do.		
2420	64	"	"	Mania	13 June 78	Softness of brain		
2425	49	"	"	Dementia	5 July 78	Man. Exhaustion		
2434	53	"	Paralytic	"	10 Sept. 78	Prog. Paralysis		
2396	77	"	Feeble	"	7 February 78	Gen. Debility		
2418	25	"	Paralytic	Prog. Paralysis	12 June 78	Prog. Paralysis		
1509	51	"	Normal	Dementia	4 January 62	Gen. Debility		
1772	21	Female	"	"	27 Nov. 75	Phthisis		
1871	70	"	Feeble	"	3 January 78	Heart disease		
1847	39	"	Normal	Mania	23 June 77	Cerebral Congestion		
1383	36	"	Paralytic	Prog. Paralysis	15 January 66	Man. Exhaustion		
1699	54	"	Normal	Mania	2 April 74	Soft. of the brain		
1694	67	"	"	"	25 February 74	Gen. Debility		
1183	55	"	Apoplectic	Dementia	29 March 62	Soft. of the brain		
1890	38	"	Normal	Lypemania	10 June 78	Acute Enteritis		
1909	68	"	Feeble	Mania	15 Nov. 78	Man. Exhaustion		
1913	56	"	"	"	6 Dec. 78	Pneumonia		
15	77	"	Normal	Idiotism	26 October 31	Heart disease		

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SPACE AND ACCOMMODATION TABLE.

Description of Rooms	The Number of such Rooms	The Gross Cubic Space of all such Rooms Feet	The Gross Superficial Area of all such Rooms Feet	The Average Amount of Cubic Space available for each Patient Feet	Average Temperature		The Amount of Window Space Sq. Feet.
					Winter	Summer	
Dormitories	50	217,383	12,427	594	} 51°	67°	2,375
Day Rooms and Corridors used as Day Rooms	10	349,510	19,972	955			
Single Rooms * .. .	41	72,364	4,290	198			

* A padded room and 16 single rooms for homicidal and clamorous patients, have been added to each division.

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 may be said to be unlimited.

What is the number of (I.) Lavatories ?

8 (Mac Farlane's ranges).

(II.) Baths ?

16 (Carrara marble).

(III.) Latrines ?

8 (Mac Farlane's Water-closet ranges).

The latrines are built in projections, and the rooms are paved with enamelled tiles. The Water-closet troughs are flushed every four hours during the day.

What is the system of Sewerage ?

The drains concentrate into one main sewer, which discharges itself into a cess-pit, at a distance from the Asylum.

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Question II. (Management).

RESTRAINT.

Restraint	Seclusion under Lock and Key	Restraint by Attendants	Mechanical Restraint
The number of times resorted to	About 20 times	None: on account of the limited number of Attendants.	Only Strait Jackets, resorted to in about 16 cases.
The number of persons subjected to	About 16 patients		
The greatest duration of, in any single instance	For a few hours, during their attacks		

In reference to the above Table, state:—

I. By whose authority Patients are restrained.

By the Visiting Physician or the Resident Medical Officers.

II. What kinds of mechanical restraint are in use.

Strait-jackets.

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 was the result in each case.

} None.

IV. What was the number of cases of injury to patients, (i.) By themselves? (ii.) By other patients? (iii.) By attendants?

None.
Few, and very slight.
None.

(OCCUPATION).

State the extent of

(I.) The airing courts

ACRES	R.	P.	} Belonging the Asylum.
1	—	18	
(II.) And other grounds	2	—	4

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

Yes.

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

The dangerous are confined to airing courts. The rest are sent beyond the Asylum.

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

Yes: Promenades, billiards, cards, music, magic lantern, cosmorama exhibitions, alethoscope, reading room, and pleasure trips to the sea-side in Spring and Autumn.

How many religious services were held in 1878?

On all Sundays, Fridays, and Holidays.

What was the average attendance?

About 120.

In what building, and how many could it contain?

In the Chapel, which could contain about 130.

Give the daily average number of Patients who were employed in 1878.

Distinguishing the Sexes	Specifying the character of the Employment		
	Agriculture and Gardening	Trade	Household Work, Drawing Water, &c.
Male	20	24	38
Female	—	22	30

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Question III. (Diet).

Append the Dietary Table.

Bread 20 oz.—Meat $4\frac{1}{2}$ oz.—Paste 3 oz.—Vegetables $1\frac{1}{2}$ ration—
Fruit 1 ration—Wine $\frac{1}{4}$ pint—Coffee $\frac{1}{4}$ pint.

Question IV. (Inspection).

Divide the Patients in the Asylum into the following Classes:—

	Males	Females
(I.) Maniacal and Dangerous	68	64
(II.) Quiet Chronic	47	60
(III.) Malancholy and Suicidal	36	40
Idiotic, Paralytic, Epileptic	26	24
	177	188
	365	

Give the number of Visits of Inspection paid to the Asylum in 1878.

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 continued Lunacy or otherwise of the Patients	
	By Appointment	Of Surprise	By Appointment	Of Surprise	By Appointment	Of Surprise	By Appointment	Of Surprise
1. Complete Inspections . .	The Governor and the Chief Secretary visit often the Asylum, always by surprise.		The Comptroller of Charitable Institutions generally visits the Asylum once a week.		The Commissioners of Charity, who act as an inspectorial body, also visit the Asylum.		A weekly professional Board, and a visiting Physician three times a week, to ascertain the condition of the patients.	
2. Partial Inspections ..								

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).

(II.) Reports by the Person or Persons charged with the immediate Management of the Asylum.

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

Weekly and yearly Statistical Reports.

The Comptroller of Charitable Institutions performs this duty, and reports to Government the result of his inspections, when necessary.

