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LUNATIC ASYLUM.

1899.

LUNATIC ASYLUM RETURN, for the year 1899.

Question I. (Statistical).
GENERAL STATISTICAL TABLE.

	Remaining on 1st December 1898	Number Admitted during 1899	Daily Average Number during 1899	Number of Attendants				Discharges				Number of Patients who died in 1899	Average Stay of those			Remaining on 1st December 1899
				Resident		Non-Resident		Cured	Relieved	Not improved	Not objects for the Asylum		Dead in 1899	Discharged in 1899	Remaining at end of 1899	
				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...	378	101	378	24	6	4	8	40	8	9	15	29	1247	234	3710	378
Female	275	66	288	23*	3†	1	4	19	6	7	6	8	663	158	3779	295
Totals	653	167	666	47	9	5	12	59	14	16	21	37	—	—	—	673

* 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	Body condition when admitted	Form of Mental Disorder	Date of Admission	Cause of Death	If a Coroner's Inquest was held and verdict	If Post Mortem Examination was held
2911	64	M.	Weak	Mania	March 24, 85	Softening of brain	No	No
3077	36	M.	Sick	Alcoholism	January 8, 99	Apoplexy	No	No
3895	82	M.	Weak	Dementia	November 22, 97	Debility	No	No
3979	59	M.	Sick	Mania	January 10, 99	Maniacal Exhaustion	No	No
3966	72	M.	Sick	Alcoholism	November 4, 98	Softening of brain	No	No
3939	57	M.	Sick	Dementia	July 14, 98	Softening of brain	No	No
2038	45	M.	Good	Dementia	February 10, 72	Enteritis	No	No
3584	78	M.	Good	Del: Mania	December 26, 93	Apoplexy	No	No
3963	56	M.	Good	Lypemania	October 19, 98	Strangulation	Yes	Yes
3999	57	M.	Sick	Mania	February 18, 99	Apoplexy	No	No
3866	27	M.	Sick	Mania	August 11, 97	Phthisis	No	No
3790	42	M.	Sick	Dementia	October 15, 96	General Paralysis	No	No
3737	30	M.	Good	Dementia	March 7, 96	Phthisis	No	No
3978	34	M.	Sick	Ep. Mania	January 6, 99	Epilepsy	Yes	Yes
3929	31	M.	Sick	Dementia	June 11, 98	Cerebral Abscess.	No	No
3850	41	M.	Good	Mania	June 5, 97	Phthisis	No	No
3940	55	M.	Sick	Dementia	July 4, 98	Apoplexy	No	No
3951	56	M.	Weak	Lypemania	September 19, 98	Pulmonary Gangrene	No	No
4025	54	M.	Sick	Lypemania	June 11, 99	Heart Disease	No	No
3236	37	M.	Sick	Ep. Mania	August 24, 89	Tuberculosis	No	No
4029	26	M.	Good	Del: Mania	June 26, 99	Maniacal Exhaustion	No	No
3997	20	M.	Good	Mania	March 28, 99	Bronchitis	No	No
3935	59	M.	Sick	Dementia	June 19, 94	Debility	No	No
3896	59	M.	Sick	Del: Mania	November 24, 97	General Paralysis	No	No
3920	76	M.	Sick	Dementia	May 14, 98	Heart Disease	No	No
3879	54	M.	Good	Lypemania	October 18, 97	Strangulation	Yes	Yes
2655	50	M.	Good	Mania	January 3, 82	Cirrhosis of the liver	No	No
4050	37	M.	Sick	Mania	September 9, 99	General Paralysis	No	No
4068	39	M.	Sick	Alcoholism	November 29, 99	Alcoholism	No	No
2478	73	F.	Good	Del: Mania	June 20, 88	Heart Disease	No	No
3045	87	F.	Sick	Dementia	June 21, 99	Debility	No	No
3058	39	F.	Sick	Mania	September 19, 99	Puerperal Fever	No	No
2761	35	F.	Good	Mania	January 31, 94	Heart Disease	No	No
2935	53	F.	Good	Mania	October 15, 97	Enteritis	No	No
2927	33	F.	Sick	Mania	July 21, 97	Tuberculosis	No	No
3073	60	F.	Sick	Dementia	October 18, 99	Apoplexy	No	No
2452	80	F.	Good	Mania	February 16, 88	Debility	No	No

* Coroner's Inquests during 1899.

Three Inquests by a Magistrate of the Courts of Judicial Police were held during the year, two in two cases of suicide and one in a case of sudden death.

In the suicide cases the verdicts returned were of death by strangulation whilst of unsound mind and that in both cases there were no grounds for criminal prosecution against the attendants who were in charge of the patients.

In the case of sudden death the verdict was of death under a fit of Epilepsy.*

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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 *	69	693570	33587	1100			Square feet 4727
Day Rooms and Corridors used as Day Rooms	22	566102	29771	850	50°	67°	2000
Single Rooms	36	57647	3573	1601			302

* Including the Infirmaries 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. (I.) Lavatories?
(II.) Baths? †
(III.) Latrines?

15. Marble shelves with earthen basins.
19. 16 Carrara marble and 3 porcelain.
20. 16 in Wards, and 4 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 periodically and automatically. Those in the yards have Crown basins and are flushed periodically.

What is the system of Sewerage?

A main sewer along and outside the building receives branches from all the latrines, bath rooms, skulleries and wash houses, and discharges its contents on the grounds at a distance from the Asylum. The whole system is provided with ventilating shafts and has an automatic and periodical flushing, and the sewage is used for irrigation.

† A small building has lately been erected in Central Yard, and supplied with all necessary hydropneumatic appliances to be used for curative purposes.

Question II. (Management). RESTRAINT.

Restraint	Seclusion under Lock and Key	Restraint by Attendants	Mechanical Restraint
The number of times resorted to...	15		
The number of persons subjected to	10	None	None
The greatest duration of, in any single instance	10 hours		

In reference to the above table state:—

I. By whose authority Patients are restrained?

Only seclusion is used and it is ordered in writing by the Medical Officers. These records are examined by the Asylum Board in their weekly meetings.

Vide above.

II. What kinds of mechanical restraint are in use?

None.

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?

Three. 1 slight and 2 serious.
Seventeen. 12 slight and 5 serious.
Nil.

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

How many religious services were held in 1899?

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

Yes: cards, periodicals, pleasure trips, musical entertainments, occasional fêtes and religious festivals.

Religious services are held daily.

143. 85 Males and 58 Females.

In the Chapel, which is intended to contain about 160.

Give the daily average number of Patients who were employed in 1899.

Distinguishing the Sexes	Specifying the character of the employment		
	Agriculture and Gardening	Trade	Household Work, Dressing, &c.
Males	51	95	34
Females	—	103	33
	51	198	67
	316		

Question III. (Diet).

Append the 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 ¼ oz.

Question IV. (Inspection).

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

(I.) Maniacal and Dangerous ... ..	...	...	...	121	95
(II.) Quiet Chronic... ..	...	...	...	137	101
(III.) Melancholy and Suicidal ... ..	...	...	...	79	54
(IV.) Idiotic, Paralytic, Epileptic	41	45
				378	295
Remaining on 31st December 1899	673	

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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	By Surprise	By Appointment	By Surprise	By Appointment	By Surprise	By Appointment	By Surprise
1. Complete Inspection ...	His Excellency the Governor twice.		The Comptroller of Charit. Institutions frequently visits the Asylum by Appointment and by surprise		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 admit and discharge patients.	
2. Partial Inspection ...								

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.

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

(II.) The officers in charge of the Asylum send weekly, monthly, quarterly and annual statistical returns and monthly financial reports to the Comptroller of the Charitable Institutions as also several other reports regarding the management of the Asylum.

(III.) The Comptroller of Charitable Institutions performs this duty, and reports to Government the result of his inspection, when necessary.

Question I. (Statistical).

GENERAL STATISTICAL TABLE.

Remaining on 31st December 1898		Number admitted during 1899	Daily average Number during 1899	Number of Attendants		Discharged				Total	Remaining on 31st December 1899
Sex	No.			Resident	Non Resident	Attainment of age	Wage-earned	For maintenance	Dead		
Males	43	2	38	4	6	5	6	—	1	12	33
Females	53	8	55	7 ⁰	2	2	2	—	1	5	56
Totals	96	10	93	11	8	7	8	—	2	17	89

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		Feet	Square Feet	Feet			Square feet
Dormitories (Male Division)	3 (Indemary included)	98,662	4,732	1,861	—	—	575
Do. (Female Do.)	1	106,299	4,572	1,801	55	88	472
Day Room (Male Do.)	1 (Chapel included)	114,174	5,677	2,154	—	—	525
Do. (Female Do.)	4	164,072	6,936	2,780	—	—	574
Yards of play grounds (Male Do.)	2	—	2,747	—	—	—	—
Do. (Female Do.)	1	—	4,953	—	—	—	—

What is the source of the 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 then by an iron main. The second quality water is conveyed by an iron main from a natural hard spring at about two miles from the town, and then pumped to the same. Any quantity is available, as the building is directly connected with the aqueducts.

What is the No. (I.) Lavatories?

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

(II.) Baths?

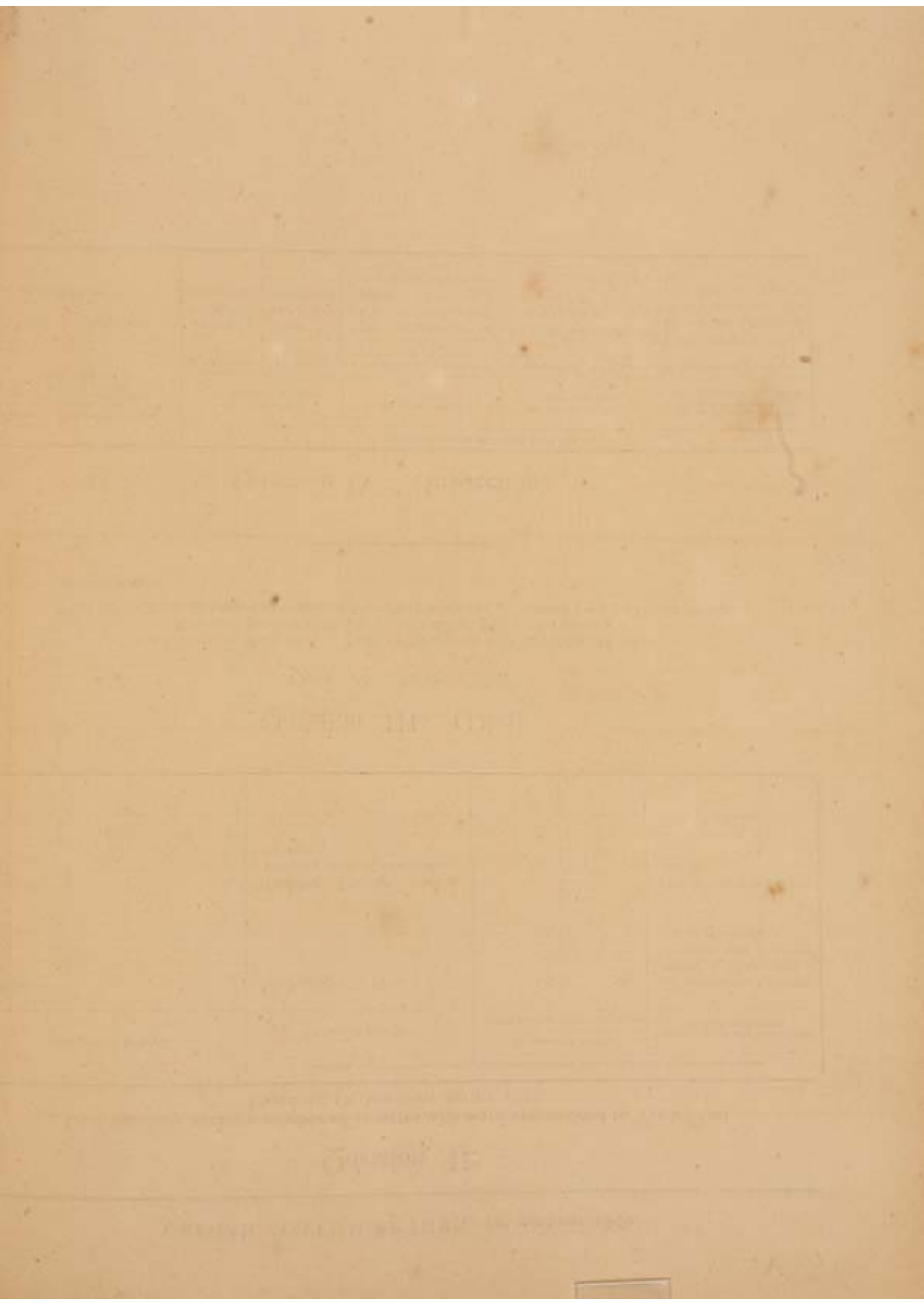
Two. Porcelain.

(III.) Latrines?

2 Latrines. Six Crown basins with waste water preventors. (Three in each division).

What is the system of Sewerage?

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



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