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LUNATIC ASYLUM
AND
ORPHAN ASYLUM.

1917-1918.

LUNATIC ASYLUM RETURN, for the year 1917-1918.

Question I. (Statistical).
GENERAL STATISTICAL TABLE.

	Remaining on 31st March 1917	Number Admitted during above period	Daily Average Number during above period	Number of Attendants				Discharged				Average stay of those			Remaining on 31st March 1918	
				Resident		Non-Resident		Cured	Relieved	Not improved	Not returned to Asylum	Number of Patients who died in above period	Died in above period	Discharged in above period		Remaining on 31st March 1918
				Employed as Attendants on the Patients	Employed as Servants or only partially as Attendants	Employed as Attendants on the Patients	Employed as Servants or only partially as Attendants									
Males...	439	99	440	37	2	—	19	16	7	15	17	42	3738	544	4503	441
Females	343	72	352	29*	3†	—	6	15	9	3	6	26	4730	351	4271	356
Totals	782	171	792	66	5	—	25	31	16	18	23	68	—	—	—	797

* 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	Daily 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
5331	57	Male	Sick	Dementia	5 2 15	Fatty Degener. of Heart		
5544	35	"	Weak	Unclassified	29 3 17	Cerebral Syphilis		
3975	74	"	Good	Delusional Insanity	17 12 08	Valvular Disease of Heart		
3692	64	"	Do.	Do.	13 5 05	Fatty Degener. of Heart		
5546	54	"	Weak	Dementia	14 2 17	Cerebral Syphilis		
4070	67	"	Good	Alcoholism	3 10 06	Valvular Disease of Heart		
1783	81	"	Do.	Imbecility	17 9 06	Do.		
4534	74	"	Weak	Delirium tremens	13 3 05	Cirrhosis of Liver		
4499	79	"	Good	Lypsomania	6 10 04	Valvular Disease of Heart		
3101	49	"	Weak	Idiocy	13 4 12	Enteritis		
3100	57	"	Good	Delusional Insanity	5 10 07	Valvular Disease of Heart		
5561	38	"	Weak	Manic depressive Insanity	24 7 17	Exhaust. from Melancholia		
3950	34	"	Good	Lypsomania	24 9 94	Carcinoma		
5557	70	"	Weak	Senile Insanity	13 7 17	Do.		
4759	25	"	Good	Epileptic Delirium	24 9 07	Enteritis		
5566	39	"	Weak	Melancholia	26 8 17	Exhaust. from Melancholia		
5459	76	"	Do.	Dementia	8 6 10	Valvular Disease of Heart		
7293	61	"	Good	Lypsomania	15 12 83	Cardiosclerosis		
5528	62	"	Weak	Dementia	3 4 17	Do.		
4593	45	"	Good	Confusional Insanity	28 12 05	Enteritis		
5014	30	"	Do.	Manic-depressive Insanity	7 10 10	Fatty Degeneration of Heart		
5570	35	"	Weak	Alcoholism	28 9 17	Brachio-Pneumonia		
4144	57	"	Good	Epileptic Insanity	13 4 05	Valvular Disease of Heart		
7844	83	"	Do.	Do.	31 10 83	Chronic Enteritis		
5522	88	"	Weak	Dementia	13 3 12	Cardiosclerosis		
5574	73	"	Sick	Do.	13 10 17	Do.		
5499	78	"	Weak	Do.	22 11 15	Asphyxia due to foreign body (in Trachea)		
3915	55	"	Good	Epileptic Insanity	21 4 05	Epilepsy		
4049	68	"	Do.	Delusional Insanity	10 7 05	Carcinoma of Throat	No	No
5590	74	"	Weak	Unclassified	25 9 07	Fatty Degener. of Heart		
5421	81	"	Do.	Dementia	22 1 06	Do.		
3517	46	"	Good	Mania	22 5 97	Bright's Disease		
3894	35	"	Do.	Epileptic Delirium	7 8 97	Epilepsy		
3494	37	"	Weak	Dementia	15 11 06	Enteritis		
2913	61	"	Good	Delusional Insanity	10 4 98	Fatty Degener. of Heart		
3475	76	"	Do.	Epileptic Insanity	26 8 92	Apoplexy		
3503	48	"	Do.	Dementia	11 1 93	Valvular Disease of Heart		
4923	73	"	Do.	Senile Insanity	24 2 02	Apoplexy		
5559	67	"	Do.	Weak-mindedness	18 7 17	Bright's Disease		
4748	53	"	Weak	Delusional Insanity	3 8 07	Valvular Disease of Heart		
5332	25	"	Do.	Dementia Praecox	5 2 15	Enteritis		
5538	35	"	Do.	Dementia	9 5 17	Valvular Disease of Heart		
2100	69	Female	Good	Delusional Insanity	24 3 84	Do.		
3155	60	"	Do.	Do.	19 3 02	Apoplexy		
3501	80	"	Weak	Melancholia	14 12 09	Valvular Disease of Heart		
3114	47	"	Good	Lypsomania	18 5 04	Enteritis		
3529	51	"	Do.	Delusional Insanity	7 8 05	Valvular Disease of Heart		
3871	25	"	Weak	Dementia Praecox	14 8 14	Tubercular Phthisis		
4048	20	"	Do.	Exhaustion Psychosis	27 7 17	Exhaustion from Mania		
2921	60	"	Good	Mania	2 6 99	Enterocolitis		
2370	56	"	Do.	Lypsomania	13 8 86	Valvular Disease of Heart		
4957	22	"	Sick	Confusional Insanity	4 9 17	Dysenteric Colitis		
4029	22	"	Weak	Dementia Praecox	21 4 17	Tubercular Phthisis		
1969	74	"	Good	Lypsomania	15 5 79	Valvular Disease of Heart		
4049	74	"	Weak	Senile Insanity	9 7 17	Fatty Degener. of Heart		
2889	59	"	Good	Imbecility	20 8 96	Valvular Disease of Heart		

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3359	68	Female	Good	Confusional Insanity	21. 6. 05	Apoplexy Enteritis Epilepsy Enteritis Valvular Disease of Heart Do. Enteritis Do. Valvular Disease of Heart Fatty Degener. of Heart Congestion of Brain Epilepsy	No.	No.
3147	43	"	Do.	Idiocy	2. 3. 01			
4075	53	"	Weak	Epileptic Insanity	4. 5. 17			
3985	63	"	Do.	Dementia	7. 7. 16			
2292	57	"	Good	Mania	2. 6. 85			
4053	75	"	Sick	Dementia	1. 9. 17			
3605	45	"	Good	Obsessional Insanity	15. 3. 10			
2640	63	"	Do.	Mania	3. 9. 04			
1905	75	"	Do.	Do.	11. 11. 75			
3504	70	"	Weak	Melancholia	29. 1. 08			
4083	61	"	Do.	Dementia	4. 3. 18			
4070	28	"	Do.	Epileptic Delirium	12. 12. 17			

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 6,425
Day Rooms and Corridors used as Day Rooms	40	662,493	36,354	851	50°	67°	3,755
Single Rooms ...	65	107,517	6,692	1,654			781

* Including the Infirmaries 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 hydropneumatic appliances for cistive purposes.

Question II. (Management).
RESTRAINT.

Restraint	Seclusion under Lock and Key	Restraint by Attendants	Mechanical Restraint
The number of times resorted to...	—	NIL.	—
The number of persons subjected to			
The greatest duration of, in any single instance			

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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?

(II) By other patients?

(III) By attendants?

Seclusion only is resorted to—when ordered in writing by the Medical Officers. These records are laid before the Asylum Board.
None.

None.

{ Accidental — Thirty slight & six serious, including one followed by death.
Self inflicted—Two slight.
Seven slight.
None.

(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.

162. 86 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	Trades	Household work, Draining Water &c.
Males	48	83	57
Females	—	67	54
	48	150	111
	309		

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.

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Question IV. (Inspection).

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

			M.	F.
(I.) Maniacal and Dangerous...	...	...	87	88
(II.) Quiet Chronic	...	...	276	210
(III.) Melancholia and Suicidal	...	...	18	11
(IV.) Idiotic, Paralytic, Epileptic	...	...	60	47
			441	356
Total	...	...	797	

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

Distinguishing those visits in which all portions 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 maintain the continued sanity or adherence 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 and one by the Lieutenant 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 Medical Superintendent 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.

ORPHAN ASYLUM RETURN, for the year 1917-1918.

Question I. (Statistical).

GENERAL STATISTICAL TABLE.

Remaining on 31st March 1917.		Number admitted during above period	Daily average Number during above period	Number of Officers and of Attendants		Discharged				Total	Remaining on 31st March 1918.
Sex	No.			Resident	Non Resident	Attainment of age	Withdrawal	For ill-health	Dead		
Males	46	8	46	3	6	11	—	—	—	11	43
Females	44	7	40	^a 7	2	5	3	—	—	8	43
Totals	90	15	86	10	8	16	3	—	—	19	86

* Sisters of Charity who perform duty in Female Division.

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
					Summer	Winter	
Dormitories [Male Division]	2	62,541	4,732	1,359	90°	50°	575
Do. [Female Do.]	1	106,209	4,572	2,657			472
Day Room [Male Do.]	1	114,174	5,677	2,482			525
Do. [Female Do.]	4 (Chapel included)	164,072	6,936	4,102			574
School [Male Do.]	1	1,312	969	(a) —			—
Yards of play grounds [Male Do.]	1	—	3,088	—			—
Do. [Female Do.]	1	—	4,953	—			—

(a) At present occupied by the R.A.M.C. and used as a recreation hall for convalescents and wounded.

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.

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.

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

What is the Number of (I.) Lavatories?

(II.) Baths?

(III.) Latrines?

What is the system of Sewerage?

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Question II.

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

Sexes	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	15	11
Females	Washing, ironing, sewing, cooking and dress-making by turn.	17	--	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.

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	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 two by the Lieut. Gov. one by appointment and one 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							

