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ON

THE HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER,

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SIR,

In accordance with the provisions of the 56th section of the Lunacy Statute, No. 309, I have the honour to transmit for your information the accompanying Report on the state and condition of the Lunatic Asylums, Licensed Houses, and Lunacy Wards in the Colony of Victoria for the year ended 31st December, 1882.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

T. T. DICK,

Inspector of Lunatic Asylums.

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

R E P O R T.

THERE were remaining under care in all the asylums, on the 31st December, 1881, 3,163 patients; of these, 1,762 were men and 1,401 were women. The total admissions for the first time during the twelve months was 438, and there were 27 re-admissions; 65 patients were transferred from one asylum to another, and 16 escaped patients were retaken. This shows a total of 3,709 under treatment during the year, and an increase of 41 on the numbers under care as compared with the previous year. 562 patients were discharged from the various asylums; of these, 252 had recovered, 21 had improved, 3 were discharged on bond, 64 were transferred, 24 escaped, 185 died in the asylum, and 13 died whilst on leave. There were thus remaining at the end of the year 3,147 patients, consisting of 1,732 males and 1,415 females, being a reduction of 16 during the twelve months, the first instance of such an occurrence in the history of Victorian asylums.

The details for public lunatic asylums and lunacy wards appear in the following tables, Nos. 1 to 7:—

TABLE I.—Showing Distribution on 31st December, 1882.

							Males.	Females.	Total.
In the public lunatic asylums at—									
Yarra Bend	...	...	...	...	...	490	306	796
Kew	...	...	...	...	...	460	334	794
Ararat	...	...	...	...	...	215	189	404
Beechworth	...	...	...	...	...	250	186	436
Sunbury	...	...	...	...	...	221	277	498
Out on probation from—									
Yarra Bend	...	...	...	...	...	48	55	103
Kew	...	...	...	...	...	39	51	90
Ararat	...	...	...	...	...	2	9	11
Beechworth	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	8
Sunbury	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	7
Total number of registered lunatics in public asylums							1,732	1,415	3,147
In Cremorne Licensed House							9	9	18
In Lunacy Ward, Bendigo Hospital							...	1	1
„	„	Castlemaine Hospital				...	...	...
„	„	Geelong Infirmary				...	...	...
Total number of registered lunatics in the colony							1,741	1,425	3,166

TABLE II.—Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1882 in Public Lunatic Asylums.

							Males.	Females.	Total.
In the asylum on 1st January, 1882							1,762	1,401	3,163
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Admitted for the first time	...	...	...	...	...	240	198	438	
Re-admitted	...	...	...	...	...	6	21	27	
Transferred during the year	...	...	...	...	...	19	46	65	
Retaken	...	...	...	...	...	14	2	16	
Total admitted							279	267	546
Total under care during the year							2,041	1,668	3,709
Discharged, removed, &c. :—									
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Recovered	...	...	...	...	...	117	135	252	
Improved	...	...	...	...	...	13	8	21	
Not improved	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	3	
Transferred	...	...	...	...	...	19	45	64	
Escaped	...	...	...	...	...	21	3	24	
Died	...	...	...	...	...	134	51	185	
Died while on leave	...	...	...	...	...	4	9	13	
Total discharged, died, &c., during the year							309	253	562
Remaining in the asylum on the 31st December, 1882 (inclusive of absent on trial, males and females)							1,732	1,415	3,147
Average numbers resident during the year							1,636	1,263	2,899

TABLE III.—Showing the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths, with the Mean Annual Mortality, and Proportion of Recoveries, &c., per Cent. on the Admissions, for the Years 1868 to 1882, in Public Lunatic Asylums.

Year.	Admitted.			Discharged.									Died.			Remaining on the 31st December in each Year.			Average Numbers Resident.			Percentage of Cases Recovered and Relieved on Admissions.			Percentage of Deaths on the Average Numbers Resident.		
				Recovered.			Relieved.			Transferred.																	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1868	313	194	507	101	68	169	19	21	40	157	171	328	78	20	98	920	636	1556	868	572	1441	38.33	45.87	41.22	8.98	3.49	6.80
1869	310	225	535	121	104	225	12	17	29	21	15	36	94	34	128	999	706	1705	956	669	1626	42.90	53.77	47.47	9.83	5.08	7.87
1870	347	219	566	119	109	228	26	22	48	55	41	96	96	39	135	1094	755	1849	1025	720	1745	41.78	59.81	48.76	9.36	5.41	7.73
1871	333	213	546	115	76	191	16	17	33	33	1	34	101	31	132	1192	845	2037	1124	778	1902	39.33	43.66	41.02	8.98	3.98	6.94
1872	357	214	571	116	67	183	9	11	20	132	70	202	108	33	141	1314	949	2263	1260	845	2107	35.01	36.44	35.55	8.57	3.90	6.69
1873	360	225	585	149	135	284	18	22	40	175	205	380	128	40	168	1370	976	2346	1339	916	2255	46.38	69.77	55.37	9.55	4.36	7.45
1874	326	226	552	125	100	225	26	37	63	7	8	15	114	54	168	1427	1011	2438	1339	928	2270	46.31	60.62	52.17	8.50	5.81	7.40
1875	349	228	577	152	131	283	10	5	15	63	8	71	121	51	172	1487	1050	2537	1399	976	2377	46.42	59.65	51.64	8.06	5.22	7.23
1876	350	237	587	166	115	281	17	20	37	76	68	144	135	50	185	1513	1100	2613	1463	1006	2471	52.28	56.96	54.17	9.22	4.97	7.48
1877	345	225	570	142	116	258	2	1	3	35	37	72	134	63	197	1573	1146	2719	1484	1056	2541	41.74	52.00	45.79	9.03	5.96	7.75
1878	318	242	560	122	91	213	5	9	14	181	95	276	114	63	177	1643	1223	2866	1537	1108	2645	39.93	41.32	40.53	7.41	5.68	6.69
1879	371	214	585	123	81	204	7	9	16	72	60	132	161	64	225	1719	1283	3002	1590	1130	2721	35.04	42.05	37.61	10.13	5.66	8.27
1880	302	245	547	154	116	270	8	4	12	71	243	314	149	72	221	1709	1339	3048	1616	1193	2810	53.64	48.98	51.55	9.22	6.03	7.86
1881	306	238	544	102	103	205	12	5	17	26	29	55	135	67	202	1762	1401	3163	1628	1236	2865	37.25	45.37	40.80	8.29	5.42	7.05
1882	246	219	465	117	135	252	13	8	21	19	45	64	138	60	198	1732	1415	3147	1636	1263	2899	52.84	65.29	58.70	8.43	4.75	6.82

TABLE IV.—Showing the Causes of Death in Public Lunatic Asylums during the Year 1882.

Cause of Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Cerebral or spinal diseases:—			
Apoplexy and paralysis	4	2	6
Epilepsy and convulsions	5	...	5
General paresis	9	...	9
Maniacal and Melancholic Exhaustion or Decay	1	...	1
Inflammation and other diseases of the brain, softening, tumours, &c....	70	24	94
Thoracic diseases:—			
Inflammation of the lungs, pleuræ, and bronchi	17	6	23
Pulmonary consumption	11	5	16
Disease of the heart	4	4	8
Asphyxia from paralysis of windpipe	1	...	1
Abdominal diseases:—			
Inflammation and ulceration of the stomach, intestines, or peritoneum...	1	2	3
Dysentery and diarrhœa	3	4	7
Pelvic abscess	...	1	1
Bright's disease	2	1	3
Exanthemata	...	...	...
Erysipelas	1	...	1
Cancer	3	1	4
Anæmia	...	...	...
General debility and old age	2	1	3
Accidents	...	...	...
Suicide	...	...	...
Died while on leave	4	9	13
Total	138	60	198

TABLE V.—Showing the Length of Residence of those Discharged Recovered, and of those who have Died in the Public Lunatic Asylums, during the Year 1882.

Length of Residence.	Recovered.			Died.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 1 month ...	11	4	15	11	1	12
From 1 to 3 months ...	20	17	37	12	1	13
" 3 " 6 " ...	4	13	17	11	2	13
" 6 " 9 " ...	11	15	26	10	...	10
" 9 " 12 " ...	3	11	14	10	1	11
" 1 " 2 years ...	25	29	54	22	10	32
" 2 " 3 " ...	14	13	27	12	13	25
" 3 " 5 " ...	18	24	42	12	13	25
" 5 " 7 " ...	6	6	12	8	4	12
" 7 " 10 " ...	3	2	5	10	8	18
" 10 " 12 " ...	...	1	1	5	2	7
" 12 " 15 " ...	2	...	2	7	3	10
Over 15 years ...	...	...	...	8	2	10
Total ...	117	135	252	138	60	198

TABLE VI.—Showing the Ages of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1882 in Public Lunatic Asylums.

Ages.	Admissions, including Transfers and Patients retaken.			Discharges.						Deaths.			
				Recovered.			Removed, Relieved or otherwise.						
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
From 1 to 5 years	1	1
" 5 " 10 " ...	1	1	2
" 10 " 15 " ...	5	5	10	1	...	1	1	1	1
" 15 " 20 " ...	16	16	32	5	5	10	...	1	1	5	1	1	6
" 20 " 30 " ...	57	46	103	24	30	54	18	3	21	15	11	26	
" 30 " 40 " ...	62	70	132	24	40	64	10	14	24	18	7	25	
" 40 " 50 " ...	63	58	121	28	32	60	12	17	29	35	12	47	
" 50 " 60 " ...	29	34	63	24	16	40	8	15	23	28	13	41	
" 60 " 70 " ...	16	10	26	4	4	8	...	4	4	17	8	25	
" 70 " 80 " ...	9	3	12	...	...	...	1	1	2	9	3	12
" 80 " 90 " ...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
" 90 and upwards ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unknown ...	20	20	40	7	8	15	5	3	8	10	4	14	
Total ...	279	267	546	117	135	252	54	58	112	138	60	198	

TABLE VII.—Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1882 in the Lunacy Wards.

				Males.	Females.	Total.
In the ward on 1st January, 1882 ...	...	...	...	1	2	3
				Males.	Females.	Total.
Admitted for the first time ...	...	...	...	51	20	71
Re-admitted ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total admitted ...	...	...	...	51	20	71
Total under care during the year ...	...	...	...	52	22	74
Discharged, removed, &c. :—				Males.	Females.	Total.
Recovered ...	...	...	...	31	5	36
Improved ...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Transferred ...	...	...	...	17	15	32
Escaped ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Died ...	...	...	...	3	1	4
Total discharged, died, &c., during the year ...	...	...	...	52	21	73
Remaining in the ward on the 31st December, 1882 } (inclusive of absent on trial, males and females)	...	...	...	...	1	1

Public Asylums, Admissions.—The total number of admissions, including re-admissions, was 465, a reduction of 94 on the average of the last fourteen years, which is 559. These figures will in a great measure explain the reduced total at the end of the year already noticed. The ratio of admissions to population, estimated 906,223 at the end of the year, is .51 per 1,000, as against .61 per 1,000 for the year 1881.

Discharges.—252 patients recovered, 117 men and 135 women, or 54.19 per cent. on the admissions and re-admissions. This is a marked advance on the corresponding proportion of the previous year, when only 37.68 per cent. recovered; and such a result is due principally to the large increase of recoveries at Yarra Bend, Kew, and Ararat. The last ratio of recoveries on admissions and re-admissions quoted for English asylums (see Thirtieth Report, page 25) is 39.72 per cent., and for New South Wales 42.91 per cent. (see 1881 Report, page 5). In addition to these discharges, 21 patients who had improved left the asylums and 3 were removed on bond, 65 patients were transferred from one asylum to another to relieve overcrowding, to meet the wishes of friends, and for other reasons; 49 of these went to Sunbury, 9 were admitted at Kew, and 7 at Yarra Bend.

Deaths.—The total number of deaths was 198, equal to 6.82 per cent. on the daily average numbers resident; of these, 185 died in the asylum, and 13 died whilst on leave. The mortality calculated on the total number under care during the year after deducting those transferred and retaken was 5.45 per cent. As compared with former years, this result is a considerable reduction, the average mortality from the year 1868 to the year 1881 amounting to 7.37 per cent. The following figures are quoted from the Report of the English Commissioners:—The mortality per cent. on the daily average was 9.24, and on the total number under care 7.37, while in New South Wales for the year 1881 the mortality on the daily average numbers resident was only 5.46, and on the number under care it was so low as 4.83. It will thus be observed that the death rate during the year has been considerably lower in Victoria than it was in England, though somewhat higher than in the adjoining colony of New South Wales.

Ratio of Admissions to Population.—The total admissions to all establishments during the year was 635—to public asylums 465, licensed houses 99, and lunacy wards, 71—a proportion of .70 in each 1000 of the population on the 31st December. In England and Wales the last Report of the Lunacy Commissioners, page 13, returns a proportion of .51 per 1,000.

Ratio of Numbers Remaining to Population.—The total number of registered lunatics in the colony was 3,166 at the end of the year, a ratio of 3.49 in each 1,000 of the population. In England and Wales (see Thirty-sixth Report, page 11) the corresponding ratio is only 2.83, and in New South Wales 2.84 (see 1881 Report, page 1).

Cost of Maintenance.—During the past year the amount collected by the Master in Lunacy for the maintenance of patients was £5,389, an increase of £655 18s. 9d. on the previous year's collections, which amounted to £4,733 1s. 3d. The sum realized from fines, sales, and fees was £523 7s. 8d., a decrease of £62 19s. 9d. on that of the year 1881. The cost of maintenance was as follows, viz.:—For patients treated in the public lunatic asylums, £86,948 16s. 10d.; in lunacy wards of public hospitals, £259 10s.; and for four females who were boarded-out with private families, £72 3s. 1d. A sum of £1,200 2s. 4d. was paid for expenses connected with the committals of lunatics to the public asylums and lunacy wards, and the general expenses of inspection, cost of inspector's office, and the official visitation of asylums

amounted to £1,671 5s. 8d. As compared with the year 1881, the public establishments show increase in cost this year to the extent of £4,975 13s. 6d., and the average weekly maintenance rate of each patient has been thereby increased by 4½d.—from 10s. 4½d. per week to 10s. 9d. per week. This is, however, chiefly due to the increased rates of a very large number of items procured under the general contracts during the latter half of the year. The following tables, Nos. 8, 9, and 10, give full details under this head :—

TABLE VIII.—Showing the Total Receipts and Expenditure of the Department of Hospitals for the Insane during the Year 1882.

Receipts.	Amount.	Expenditure.	Amount.
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Collections made by the Master in Lunacy for maintenance of patients at Yarra Bend ...	2,042 15 3	General expenses ...	1,671 5 8
Kew ...	1,924 13 1	Maintenance, Yarra Bend ...	26,301 3 6
Ararat ...	668 3 7	Kew ...	22,660 10 7
Beechworth ...	310 2 1	Ararat ...	13,801 18 3
Sunbury ...	443 6 0	Beechworth ...	13,232 16 4
Amount of fines and sales, &c.	523 7 8	Sunbury ...	10,952 8 2
		Lunacy Ward, Bendigo	84 15 0
		Castlemaine ...	114 0 0
		Geelong ...	60 15 0
		Expenses in connexion with the committals of lunatics ...	1,200 2 4
Total ...	5,912 7 8	Total ...	90,079 14 10

TABLE IX.—Showing the Total Cost of Maintenance against each Asylum, the Sums Expended against each Vote, and the Amount of General Expenses, for the Year 1882.

Lunatic Asylum.	Daily Average Numbers Resident.	Total Cost of Maintenance.	Salaries.	Fees to Official Visitors.	Allowance to Stewards.	Allowance to Chaplains.	Provisions and Extra Articles.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Yarra Bend ...	772	26,301 3 6	10,923 5 9	...	32 10 0	65 0 0	7,673 2 3
Kew ...	786	22,660 10 7	9,720 2 1	...	17 10 0	65 0 0	7,281 18 9
Ararat ...	411	13,801 18 3	5,259 0 4	...	35 0 0	100 0 0	4,205 9 8
Beechworth ...	442	13,232 16 4	5,920 15 8	...	17 10 0	70 0 0	4,368 11 6
Sunbury ...	488	10,952 8 2	3,551 15 11	...	28 9 8	60 0 0	4,473 15 0
General expenses ...	...	1,671 5 8	564 16 7	750 3 0	...	...	...
Total ...	2,899	88,620 2 6	35,939 16 4	750 3 0	130 19 8	360 0 0	28,002 17 2

Lunatic Asylum.	Clothing, Bedding, and Material for Manufacture.	Stores.	Fuel, Light, and Water.	Medicines and Medical Comforts.	Forage.	Incidentals.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Yarra Bend ...	3,390 3 3	887 19 3	2,230 16 11	801 9 1	45 15 2	251 1 10
Kew ...	2,307 10 3	477 11 9	1,537 13 2	933 4 0	52 5 2	267 15 5
Ararat ...	1,983 3 5	541 15 6	1,080 8 4	405 0 8	12 19 3	179 1 1
Beechworth ...	1,418 12 0	459 18 9	667 17 4	126 13 1	52 15 7	130 2 5
Sunbury ...	1,267 13 2	485 19 1	697 11 10	94 4 3	43 19 4	248 19 11
General expenses ...	...	112 14 11	...	...	...	243 11 2
Total ...	10,367 2 1	2,965 19 3	6,214 7 7	2,360 11 1	207 14 6	1,320 11 10

TABLE X.—Showing the Average Weekly Cost of Patients for the Year 1882.

Lunatic Asylum.	Daily Average Numbers Resident.	Total Cost of Maintenance.			Salaries.		Allowance to Stewards.		Allowance to Chaplains.		Provisions and Extra Articles.		Clothing, Bedding, and Material for Manufacture.						
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
Yarra Bend ...	772	26,301	3	6	0	5	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	0	0	0 $\frac{1}{4}$	0	0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	3	10	0	1	8 $\frac{1}{4}$
Kew ...	786	22,660	10	7	0	4	9	0	0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	3	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ararat ...	411	13,801	18	3	0	4	11	0	0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	0	3	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	0	1	10 $\frac{1}{4}$
Beechworth ...	442	13,232	16	4	0	5	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	0	0 $\frac{1}{4}$	0	0	0 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	3	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	1	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Sunbury ...	488	10,952	8	2	0	2	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0 $\frac{1}{4}$	0	0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	3	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	0	1	0
Total ...	2,899	86,948	16	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
General expenses	...	1,671	5	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Lunatic Asylum.	Stores.	Fuel, Light, and Water.			Medicines and Medical Comforts.			Forage.			Incidentals.			Weekly Cost.				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Yarra Bend ...	0	0	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	0	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	0	0	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	0	0 $\frac{1}{4}$	0	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	13	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
Kew ...	0	0	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	0	9	0	0	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0 $\frac{1}{4}$	0	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	11	1
Ararat ...	0	0	6	0	1	0 $\frac{1}{4}$	0	0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0 $\frac{1}{4}$	0	0	2	0	12	11
Beechworth ...	0	0	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	0	0	7	0	0	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	0	0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	11	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
Sunbury ...	0	0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	0	0	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	8	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	11	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
General expenses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	0	2 $\frac{3}{4}$

	£	s.	d.
Amount collected by the Master-in-Lunacy for maintenance at—			
Yarra Bend Lunatic Asylum ...	2,042	15	3
Kew Lunatic Asylum ...	1,924	13	1
Ararat Lunatic Asylum ...	668	3	7
Beechworth Lunatic Asylum ...	310	2	1
Sunbury Lunatic Asylum ...	443	6	0
Amount collected for fines, sales, fees, &c. ...	523	7	8
	£5,912	7	8
Average weekly cost of patients in public asylums, less amount of maintenance and other collections ...	0	0	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
	0	10	9

Accommodation.—At the end of the year, 1,636 males and 1,292 females remained in the various lunatic asylums, or a total of 2,928. Accommodation is provided for 1,674 men and 1,254 women, *i.e.*, for 2,928 patients, the number above quoted as remaining at the end of 1882. It is thus apparent that the asylum accommodation is just about exhausted. In view of this emergency means must be devised to divert the overcrowding, with its attendant evils, which must otherwise ensue. For several years past Dr. Paley in his reports has given special prominence to the urgency of this question. In 1881 he repeats former suggestions in these terms “(1) To make separate provision for criminal lunatics; (2) to provide separate buildings for the young idiots; (3) to provide additional single-room accommodation at Yarra Bend; (4) detached hospital buildings and two cottages at the Ararat Asylum; and (5) to alter the existing law in the direction of permitting patients to be absent on trial, so as to admit of payments being made to persons for taking care of their insane friends and relatives under a proper system of supervision.” In these views I generally concur. I understand that plans and specifications for a separate building for young idiots at Yarra Bend are now in the hands of the Inspector-General of Public Works, and that a suitable building is likely to be erected shortly at Yarra Bend. In connexion with this difficulty the boarding-out system—by which is to be understood the placing of a certain class of patients under the care of friends or strangers, who shall receive a weekly allowance of money as compensation—is worthy of serious consideration. That

this mode of dealing with patients would be attended with many advantages to themselves as well as to the State there is good reason to believe. It is to be remembered also that a modification of this plan is already in existence in the form of probation leave. During the past year as many as 551 patients were out of the asylums on trial, and there has been an average during the year of about 230 constantly absent under the provisions of section 60 of the Act. The following return gives detailed information as to the number of patients on probation :—

Total Out on Leave.	Total Discharged while on Leave.												Total.			Returned.			Still on Leave.					
	Cured.			Improved.			Escaped.			Died.			M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.			
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.												
Out on 1st Jan., 1882 :—																								
Yarra Bend ...	42	65	107																					
Kew ...	66	76	142																					
Ararat ...	11	11	22																					
Beechworth ...	1	1	2																					
Sunbury... ..	3	4	7																					
Allowed out in 1882 :—																								
Yarra Bend ...	43	56	99	17	25	42	1	2	3	1	2	3	19	29	48	18	37	55	48	55	103
Kew ...	51	71	122	49	59	108	7	2	9	3	8	11	59	69	128	19	27	46	39	51	90
Ararat ...	13	15	28	9	8	17	4	4	8	13	12	25	9	5	14	2	9	11
Beechworth ...	6	6	12	...	2	2	1	...	1	1	2	3	2	1	3	4	4	8
Sunbury... ..	2	8	10	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	4	...	6	6	3	4	7
	238	313	551	76	95	171	12	8	20	2	1	3	4	10	14	94	114	208	48	76	124	96	123	219
Total number of patients on leave during 1882 ...																								
	238	313	551													Total number discharged ...			94	114	208			
													Returned to asylums on expiration of leave ...			48	76	124						
													Remaining on leave on 31st December ...			96	123	219						
Total ...	238	313	551													Total ...			238	313	551			

It would appear reasonable to infer that when so large a number of patients were removed through apparently disinterested motives, the practice might be greatly extended through strangers, if an inducement were offered in the shape of moderate remuneration. As bearing on the question, the following facts are taken from the Scotch Commissioners' Report for 1881 :—The total number of insane in Scotland under care on the 1st January, 1882, was 10,355, of these 1,684, or 16 per cent. were boarded-out in private dwellings. Two classes are so placed: 1st. Those not requiring asylum treatment, but whose relatives are unable to support them. 2nd. Those who have been inmates of asylums, but whose condition, having become chronic and harmless, no longer calls for asylum treatment. All patients boarded-out do not come under the cognizance of the Commissioners. Supervision is only exercised where it is thought essential to guard against abuses, and is extended to the following classes :—1st. All paupers, of whom there were 1,568. 2nd. Patients with confirmed mental disorders who are kept for profit. 3rd. Patients who, having been insane beyond a year, are confined against their wishes, restrained, coerced, or who are suspected of being treated with harshness or cruelty. The common characteristic of the great majority of patients boarded-out is freedom from dangerous or indecent propensities.

Among the reasons advanced for providing for pauper lunatics in private dwellings are—1st. That at present asylum treatment is frequently resorted to unnecessarily ; and 2nd. That there are many patients in pauper asylums who do not, either for the safety of the public, or for their own protection, or for their sufficient care, require further detention in asylums. The use of asylums as hospitals for the treatment of any form of nervous disorder associated with mental enfeeblement, or as a home for aged persons whose faculties are failing, is strongly deprecated.

The boarding-out system is advocated as promoting health, happiness, freedom, usefulness, and as affording opportunities for remunerative occupation, and so reducing cost of maintenance. Boarding-out with strangers is said to be the distinctive treatment of the Scotch lunacy administration. The preference is given to strangers, because their contract can be annulled and patients transferred to other care in case of necessity. The capabilities of the system, which has been steadily advancing for the last twenty years are represented as being practically unlimited. The presence of lunatics is not found to be offensive to the public. In the village of Gartmore, where 30 patients are provided for in this way, none of the villagers have ever complained. The average weekly alimentary allowance is about 5s. 3d., as against 10s. 2½d. in the parochial, private, and district asylums, and 7s. 7d. in the lunatic wards of the poor-houses. The alimentary allowance to relatives is less than to strangers. The reports of the Commissioners on the condition of these patients are almost uniformly favorable.

In undertaking the experiment of boarding-out we must be prepared to meet with difficulties. Patients of the class described as suitable abound in our asylums, but it has yet to be seen whether homes could be found for them in any considerable numbers. Families to whom a small money allowance would be an object of sufficient importance may be few in number. Moreover, we are at a disadvantage, as compared with Scotland, in the absence of parochial boards and other convenient means of administering the system ; still the benefits to be expected are so important that I think no effort should be spared to give it a fair trial.

T. T. DICK,
Inspector of Lunatic Asylums.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

LUNATIC ASYLUM, YARRA BEND.

TABLE I.—Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1882.

										Males.	Females.	Total.																					
In the asylum on 1st January, 1882										534	332	866																					
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4	3	7																															
6	...	6																															
Admitted for the first time										80	96	176																					
Re-admitted																																	
Transferred during the year... ..																																	
Retaken																																	
Total admitted... ..										80	96	176																					
Total under care during the year... ..										614	428	1,042																					
Discharged, removed, &c.:—										<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Males.</th> <th>Females.</th> <th>Total.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>25</td> <td>37</td> <td>62</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>...</td> <td>18</td> <td>18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8</td> <td>...</td> <td>8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>40</td> <td>9</td> <td>49</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Males.	Females.	Total.	25	37	62	2	2	4	...	18	18	8	...	8	40	9	49	1	1	2
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Recovered																																	
Improved																																	
Transferred																																	
Escaped																																	
Died																																	
Died on leave																																	
Total discharged, died, &c., during the year										76	67	143																					
Remaining in the asylum on the 31st December, 1882 (inclusive of absent on trial, males and females)										538	361	899																					
Average numbers resident during the year										490	282	772																					

TABLE II.—Showing the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths, with the Mean Annual Mortality and Proportion of Recoveries, &c., per Cent. on the Admissions, for the Years 1848 to 1882.

Year.	Admitted.			Discharged.									Died.			Remaining on the 31st December in each Year.			Average Numbers Resident.			Percentage of Cases Recovered and Relieved on Admissions.			Percentage of Deaths on the Average Numbers Resident.						
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Recovered.			Relieved.			Transferred.			Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
				Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.																			
1848	12	13	25	1	1	2	1	1	2	...	...	...	1	...	1	9	11	20	7	9	17	16'66	15'38	16'00	14'28	...	...	5'88
1849	22	12	34	1	2	3	1	3	4	...	...	...	3	1	4	26	17	43	13	12	25	9'09	41'66	20'58	23'07	8'33	16'00	...
1850	10	5	15	7	1	8	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	27	20	47	25	18	44	80'00	20'00	60'00	4'00	5'55	4'54	...	
1851	22	19	41	9	11	20	...	1	1	...	...	...	4	3	7	35	24	59	33	26	59	40'90	63'15	51'21	12'12	11'53	11'86	...
1852	9	26	35	2	8	10	4	2	6	...	...	...	1	2	3	36	38	74	36	29	66	66'66	38'46	45'71	2'77	6'89	4'54	...
1853	109	35	144	29	15	44	1	2	3	...	...	...	15	4	19	97	52	149	69	43	113	27'52	48'57	32'63	21'73	9'30	16'81	...
1854	79	41	120	33	17	50	3	3	6	...	...	...	16	4	20	122	68	190	103	56	160	45'56	48'78	46'66	15'53	7'14	12'50	...
1855	111	48	159	39	20	59	4	2	6	...	...	...	23	5	28	162	89	251	132	74	206	38'73	45'83	40'88	17'41	6'75	13'59	...
1856	100	49	149	43	19	62	1	5	6	...	...	...	27	6	33	190	108	298	167	97	264	44'00	48'97	45'63	16'16	6'18	12'50	...
1857	74	65	139	22	27	49	6	1	7	...	...	...	25	4	29	202	141	349	194	121	316	37'83	43'07	40'28	12'88	3'30	9'17	...
1858	160	99	259	44	33	77	5	7	12	...	...	...	48	16	64	267	184	451	...	...	412	30'62	40'40	34'36	...	...	15'53	...
1859	167	89	256	34	29	63	6	6	12	...	...	...	55	12	67	337	227	564	...	...	490	23'95	39'32	29'29	...	...	13'67	...
1860	104	81	185	34	38	72	11	9	20	...	...	...	42	16	58	351	245	596	347	244	592	43'26	58'02	49'72	12'10	6'55	9'79	...
1861	178	96	274	49	31	80	9	15	24	...	...	...	46	13	59	420	282	702	400	266	667	32'58	47'91	37'95	11'50	4'88	8'84	...
1862	137	76	213	25	43	68	16	15	31	...	...	...	49	14	63	464	286	750	436	285	722	29'92	76'31	46'47	11'23	4'91	8'72	...
1863	158	122	280	51	26	77	11	14	25	...	...	...	52	12	64	501	355	856	498	326	825	39'24	32'78	36'42	10'44	3'68	7'75	...
1864	208	142	350	37	48	85	19	24	43	...	...	...	88	26	114	562	398	960	539	374	913	26'92	50'70	36'57	16'32	6'95	12'48	...
1865	178	132	310	37	42	79	7	13	20	...	...	...	59	23	82	610	393	1,003	587	397	984	24'71	41'66	31'93	13'44	5'79	10'36	...
1866	80	76	156	26	38	64	15	13	28	...	...	...	50	19	69	596	399	995	604	396	1,001	51'25	67'10	58'97	8'27	4'79	6'89	...
1867	95	69	164	18	23	41	11	19	30	...	...	...	65	29	94	583	390	973	599	401	1,001	30'52	60'86	43'29	4'84	4'98	4'89	...
1868	142	88	230	36	27	63	7	9	16	...	...	...	130	155	285	45	12	57	512	350	862	30'28	40'90	34'34	8'34	3'45	6'43	...
1869	193	138	331	52	61	113	8	8	16	...	...	...	22	48	70	587	399	986	550	369	920	31'08	50'00	38'97	8'72	6'23	7'71	...
1870	242	164	406	82	62	144	15	11	26	...	...	...	55	25	80	615	428	1,043	590	412	1,002	40'08	44'51	41'87	9'32	6'06	7'98	...
1871	233	163	396	66	58	124	13	10	23	73	41	114	56	25	81	641	458	1,099	624	440	1,065	33'90	41'71	37'12	8'97	5'68	7'60	...
1872	281	186	467	81	57	138	5	5	10	...	...	...	69	20	87	662	495	1,157	598	415	1,013	30'60	33'33	31'69	11'20	4'81	8'58	...
1873	245	158	403	104	102	206	12	14	26	147	216	85	21	106	634	368	1,002	607	473	981	47'34	73'46	57'56	14'00	5'63	10'80	...	
1874	...	1	1	31	15	46	20	29	49	5	5	32	12	44	558	311	869	547	301	849	5'85	3'98	5'18	...	
1875	2	5	7	14	8	22	5	1	6	23	33	13	46	510	302	812	508	286	795	6'49	4'54	5'78	...		
1876	7	8	15	9	3	12	10	5	15	25	5	30	483	299	782	481	284	765	5'19	1'76	3'92	...		
1877	4	7	11	6	3	9	1	1	2	5	2	7	18	20	38	467	297	764	466	290	756	3'86	6'89	5'02	...	
1878	45	35	80	7	4	11	...	3	3	21	3	24	18	24	42	510	340	850	462	296	758	15'55	20'00	17'50	3'89	8'10	5'54	...
1879	136	115	251	29	23	52	3	4	7	40	59	99	40	22	62	539	349	888	522	328	850	23'53	23'48	23'51	7'66	6'71	7'29	...
1880	133	123	256	59	41	100	4	1	5	112	171	44	31	75	515	292	807	493	289	782	47'36	34'14	41'01	8'92	10'72	9'59	...	
1881	113	101	214	34	29	63	4	1	5	20	39	43	17	60	534	332	866	491	268	759	33'62	29'70	31'77	8'75	6'34	7'90	...	
1882	70	93	163	25	37	62	2	2	4	18	18	41	10	51	538	361	899	490	282	772	38'57	41'93	40'49	8'36	3'54	6'60	...	

TABLE III.—Showing the Causes of Death during the Year 1882.

Cause of Death.						Males.	Females.	Total.
Cerebral or spinal diseases :—								
Apoplexy and paralysis						2	...	2
Epilepsy and convulsions						1	...	1
General paresis						2	...	2
Inflammation and other diseases of the brain, softening, tumours, &c.						19	1	20
Thoracic diseases :—								
Inflammation of the lungs, pleuræ, and bronchi						5	...	5
Pulmonary consumption						4	...	4
Disease of the heart						1	4	5
Asphyxia from paralysis of windpipe						1	...	1
Abdominal diseases :—								
Inflammation and ulceration of the stomach, intestines, or peritoneum						1	1	2
Dysentery and diarrhœa						1	...	1
Pelvic abscess ... ..						...	1	1
Bright's disease ... ..						...	1	1
Cancer						3	...	3
General debility and old age ... ..						...	1	1
Died whilst out on probation						1	1	2
Total						41	10	51

TABLE IV.—Showing the Length of Residence of those Discharged Recovered, and of those who have Died during the Year 1882.

Length of Residence.	Recovered.			Died.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 1 month ... ..	...	...	...	2	...	2
From 1 to 3 months	3	5	8	1	1	2
" 3 " 6 " ... ..	...	2	2	3	...	3
" 6 " 9 "	3	4	7	3	...	3
" 9 " 12 "	1	...	1	...	...	...
" 1 " 2 years	13	18	31	9	2	11
" 2 " 3 "	2	5	7	5	3	8
" 3 " 5 "	2	3	5	2	1	3
" 5 " 7 " ... ..	...	...	...	1	...	1
" 7 " 10 " ... ..	...	...	...	3	...	3
" 10 " 12 " ... ..	...	...	...	3	...	3
" 12 " 15 "	1	...	1	1	1	2
Over 15 years ... ..	...	...	...	8	2	10
Total	25	37	62	41	10	51

TABLE V.—Showing the Ages of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1882.

Ages.	Admissions.			Discharges.						Deaths.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Recovered,			Removed, Relieved or otherwise.			Males.	Females.	Total.
				Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.			
From 1 to 5 years ... ..	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 5 " 10 " ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 10 " 15 "	2	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 15 " 20 "	5	6	11	...	2	2	...	...	...	1	...	1
" 20 " 30 "	18	18	36	5	9	14	4	...	4	4	1	5
" 30 " 40 "	25	28	53	7	15	22	2	6	8	9	1	10
" 40 " 50 "	14	23	37	5	7	12	1	6	7	7	4	11
" 50 " 60 "	3	8	11	6	2	8	2	5	7	8	1	9
" 60 " 70 "	2	3	5	1	1	2	...	3	3	5	1	6
" 70 " 80 "	2	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	5
" 80 " 90 " ... ..	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 90 and upwards	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unknown	8	4	12	1	1	2	1	...	1	4	...	4
Total	80	96	176	25	37	62	10	20	30	41	10	51

Dr.

TABLE VI.—FARM ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Dr.				Cr.			
—	At per	Rate.	Amount.	—	At per	Rate.	Amount.
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
To Wages—				By 2,269 lbs. butter ...	lb.	/10 $\frac{3}{4}$	101 12 7
Farm bailiff ...	ann.	£150	150 0 0	573 $\frac{2}{3}$ doz. eggs ...	doz.	1/5	40 12 8
Three carters ...	„	£60	180 0 0	127 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons firewood ...	ton	2/6	15 18 9
Warders ...	„	...	195 0 0	64,310 qts. milk ...	quart	/4	1,071 16 8
Allowances—				5,113 lbs. pork ...	lb.	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	47 18 8
Rations for five persons ...	„	„	67 13 4	120 lbs. poultry ...	„	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 2 6
Fuel, light, and water ...	„	„	11 9 8	40 lbs. veal ...	„	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	0 7 6
Purchase of seeds ...	„	„	80 11 6	15,888 lbs. potatoes ...	cental	4/11 $\frac{1}{2}$	39 7 9
Fuel, light, and water (farm buildings) ...	„	„	4 4 0	892 lbs. fruit ...	lb.	/1 $\frac{1}{2}$	5 11 6
Repairs—farm implements, &c., and shoeing ...	„	„	18 13 6	50 lbs. canary seed ...	„	/4	0 16 8
Incidentals ...	„	„	11 2 6	Sales—1 bull ...	„	„	2 10 0
Grazing at Sunbury—				Wheels ...	„	„	0 12 0
Cattle—30 head ...	each	20/	30 0 0	Work done unconnected with the farm, 283 days' labour carter and horses ...	diem	10/	141 10 0
Forage for horses ...	„	„	45 15 2	Fodder grown and consumed—			
Rent 250 acres ...	acre	8/	100 0 0	120 bushels barley...	bushel	3/6	21 0 0
Labour, average 12 patients for 2,496 days ...	diem	1/6	187 4 0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons carrots ...	ton	20/	2 4 0
Fodder grown and consumed ...	„	„	967 16 6	100 tons hay ...	cental	4/11	550 13 4
Balance (profit) ...	„	„	388 3 7	60,050 bundles green food ...	bundle	/1	250 4 2
				106 tons mangold ...	ton	20/	106 0 0
				60 bushels pease ...	bushel	3/	9 0 0
				20,000 lbs. straw ...	cental	2/10 $\frac{1}{2}$	28 15 0
Total ...	„	„	2,437 13 9	Total ...	„	„	2,437 13 9

Dr.

TABLE VII.—GARDEN ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Dr.				Cr.			
—	At per	Rate.	Amount.	—	At per	Rate.	Amount.
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
To Wages—				By 6,757 lbs. beans			
Gardener ...	annum	110	110 0 0	72,705 „ cabbage			
Warders ...	„	„	80 0 0	3,150 „ carrots			
Labour, average 8 patients 251 days ...	diem	1/6	150 12 0	2,649 „ cauliflower			
Allowances—				545 „ celery			
Rations ...	„	„	13 10 8	670 „ lettuce			
Fuel, light, and water ...	„	„	2 17 5	7,800 „ marrows			
Rent 6 acres ...	acre	40/	12 0 0	15,355 „ onions			
Purchase of seeds ...	„	„	3 4 6	7,263 „ parsnips			
„ tools ...	„	„	0 8 5	185 „ pease			
				6,412 „ pumpkins			
				4,085 „ radishes			
				3,436 „ rhubarb			
				2,989 „ soup vegetables			
				90 „ spinach			
				1,630 „ tomatoes			
				9,090 „ turnips			
				144,811 „ vegetables	lb.	/1	603 7 7
Balance (profit) ...	„	„	243 14 7	2,080 „ fruit	„	/1 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 0 0
Total ...	„	„	616 7 7	Total ...	„	„	616 7 7

TABLE VIII.—Showing Number of Articles Made Up and Repaired by Male and Female Patients.

Male.			Female.		
Article.	Made up. No.	Repaired. No.	Article.	Made up. No.	Repaired. No.
Boots, men's ...	5	1,129	Blankets ...	...	57
„ women's ...	...	615½	Bonnets, sun ...	212	1,864
Camisoles ...	2	80	Chemises, cotton ...	523	320
Coats ...	27	75	„ flannel ...	64	102
Gloves, leather, pairs ...	24	24	Dresses, linsey, &c. ...	423	2,874
Canvas jumpers ...	2	80	„ canvas ...	...	60
Slippers, ...	1	...	Drawers ...	76	49
Trousers ...	41	1,261	Gowns, night ...	36	399
Vests ...	9	100	Petticoats, cotton ...	590	1,506
			„ flannel ...	300	1,219
			Pillowslips ...	549	600
			Rugs ...	...	60
			Sheets ...	876	1,552
			Shirts, cotton ...	1,097	4,837
			„ serge ...	408	1,022
			Socks and stockings ...	...	7,839
			Tablecloths ...	76	82
			Ticks, bed ...	399	84
			„ pillow ...	440	202
			Towels ...	288	100
			Vests, flannel ...	205	...
			Verandah blinds ...	6	...
			Window „ ...	20	...

TABLE IX.—Showing the Average Number of Patients Employed, Attending Amusements and Divine Services.

	Male.	Female.	Total.		Male.	Female.	Total.
Employments—				Amusements—			
Bricklaying ...	1	...	1	Billiards ...	35	...	35
Fancy Work ...	...	2	2	Concerts ...	150	200	350
Farm and Garden ...	90	...	90	Cricket ...	95	...	95
Household Work ...	175	14	189	Reading ...	200	200	400
Laundry ...	...	46	46	Walking ...	300	200	500
Miscellaneous ...	33	...	33		780	600	1,380
Painting ...	3	...	3	Attending Divine Services	180	150	330
Sewing ...	...	170	170				
Workshops—							
Blacksmith ...	1	...	1				
Carpenter ...	2	...	2				
Shoemaker ...	6	...	6				
Tailor ...	5	...	5				
	316	232	548				

TABLE X.—STATISTICS.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Number of lunatics supposed curable on 31st December, 1882 ...	56	35	91
„ epileptic ...	52	25	77
„ harmless imbeciles ...	19	30	49
„ idiots (adult) ...	7	5	12
„ „ (children under 15 yrs.) ...	13	13	26
„ Chinese ...	14	1	15
Condition as to marriage of those admitted during the year—			
Single ...	42	42	84
Married ...	20	31	51
Widowed ...	4	23	27
Unknown ...	11	3	14
Number of lunatics who have been removed on probation during the year	44	63	107
„ who have recovered whilst on probation ...	17	25	42
„ who have been removed on bond ...	1	1	2
„ sent to asylum by friends ...	18	35	53
„ „ by police ...	36	41	77
„ received from benevolent asylums, hospitals, and gaols	16	17	33
Amount of single-room accommodation ...	118	33	151
Average number requiring single-room accommodation throughout the year	94	31	125

Statistics.—The number of patients in this asylum on the 1st January was 866, and on the 31st December the number was 899, an increase which is partly due to a low death rate and consequent accumulation of patients under treatment, and also to other causes, which were pointed out in last year's report. The percentage of cases recovered and relieved on the admissions was 40·49 as against 31·77 in the preceding year. 51 patients died—41 males and 10 females—the causes being of the character usual in asylums for the insane, and it is satisfactory to state that no death occurred from suicide, accident, or contagious disease. The ages of the patients admitted varied from 5 to 90 years, but the large majority were between the ages of 20 and 50 years, 12 being returned whose ages were unknown; and here it may be observed that the number of imbecile and idiot children sent into this asylum for care is increasing year by year. These might be treated equally well in a less expensive establishment, and thereby increase the space for *bonâ fide* lunatics. The number of patients admitted was 163—70 males and 93 females—and their general character was more satisfactory than heretofore as regards bodily health. Several prisoners admitted from the Melbourne Gaol were in a very filthy state, and in more than one instance their persons and clothing were infested with vermin.

During the year, 62 were discharged recovered and 4 relieved—27 males and 39 females—which is for males 7 less and females 10 more as compared with last year; and it is pleasing to observe that there have been only 8 re-admissions. Several persons were removed from the asylum who were unfit to manage for themselves, but are reported as progressing favorably under judicious home treatment. The numbers so disposed of might be increased if a small sum of money were allowed to defray maintenance expenses. The average number of patients resident during the year was 772, and of these 548 were usefully employed in various ways, and the return of work done and repairs accomplished will fully bear out this statement. It is a source of much gratification that we are able to extend the useful employment of asylum labour, and at present several hands are engaged in painting and improving the various wards.

Buildings.—Improvements and repairs of the buildings have been going on for most part of the year. Several cottages in the female enclosure have been overhauled and put in a state of thorough repair, which was much needed, and works of a more extensive and important nature have been carried out at the farm and upper male division.

Casualties.—The casualties have been few. Three cases of fracture were reported, but in none was any blame attached to the warders in charge of the patients at the time.

Amusements.—The amusements and recreation of patients have continued to be fairly carried out, and, in addition to the usual balls and concerts, a small sum of money has been placed at the disposal of the superintendent to enable patients to be sent to places of amusement in town; and by this means, no doubt, much good may be done.

General Remarks.—The general order and discipline of the asylum has been fairly well maintained, and but few cases of irregularities occurred in which it was deemed advisable to inflict fines. A fire brigade has been organized, and the members of the staff are instructed in the use and application of the hydrant and fire-hose.

Inspection.—This asylum is visited and inspected by a Board of Official Visitors who are appointed for the Melbourne district, and their quarterly reports on the state and condition of the two metropolitan establishments are already in your hands.

J. D. GRIFFITH,
Deputy Medical Superintendent.

APPENDIX B.

LUNATIC ASYLUM, KEW.

TABLE I.—Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1882.

							Males.	Females.	Total.
In the asylum on 1st January, 1882	...	...	...	...	...	...	515	423	938
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Admitted for the first time	...	...	...	...	...	104	69	173	
Re-admitted	...	...	...	...	...	6	13	19	
Transferred during the year	...	...	...	...	...	4	5	9	
Retaken	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	5	
Total admitted	...	...	...	...	...	118	88	206	
Total under care during the year	...	...	...	...	...	633	511	1,144	
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Discharged, removed, &c. :—									
Recovered	...	...	...	...	...	65	74	139	
Improved	...	...	...	...	...	7	2	9	
Not improved	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	3	
Transferred	...	...	...	...	...	11	20	31	
Escaped	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	6	
Died	...	...	...	...	...	42	19	61	
Died on leave	...	...	...	...	...	3	8	11	
Total discharged, died, &c., during the year	...	...	...	...	...	134	126	260	
Remaining in the asylum on the 31st December, 1882 (inclusive of absent on trial, males and females)	...	...	...	...	...	499	385	884	
Average numbers resident during the year	...	...	...	...	...	446	340	786	

TABLE II.—Showing the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths, with the Mean Annual Mortality and Proportion of Recoveries, &c., per Cent. on the Admissions, for the Years 1872 to 1882.

Year.	Admitted.			Discharged.									Died.			Remaining on the 31st December in each Year.			Average Numbers Resident.			Percentage of Cases Recovered and Relieved on Admissions.			Percentage of Deaths on the Average Numbers Resident.		
				Recovered.			Relieved.			Transferred.																	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1872	..	..	..	8	1	9	..	..	..	7	1	8	3	1	4	137	106	243	152	84	236	..	..	..	1'97	1'19	1'69
1873	59	43	102	17	17	34	1	3	4	1	1	2	15	11	26	333	321	654	229	206	435	30'50	46'51	37'25	6'55	5'33	5'97
1874	273	196	469	76	70	146	2	6	8	6	1	7	61	32	93	458	413	871	392	346	739	28'57	38'77	32'83	15'56	9'24	12'58
1875	301	200	501	111	111	222	4	1	5	39	8	47	72	32	104	530	460	990	480	410	890	38'20	56'00	45'30	15'00	7'80	11'68
1876	299	191	490	136	99	235	4	10	14	71	64	135	84	31	115	531	449	980	499	401	900	46'82	57'06	50'81	16'83	7'73	12'77
1877	265	196	461	103	90	193	1	..	1	27	30	57	67	37	104	599	487	1086	522	416	938	39'24	45'90	42'08	12'83	8'89	11'08
1878	201	158	359	77	73	150	4	6	10	153	39	192	57	23	80	509	504	1013	516	430	946	40'29	50'00	44'56	11'04	5'34	8'45
1879	143	57	200	56	35	91	1	5	6	30	1	31	71	29	100	493	531	1024	458	430	889	39'86	70'17	48'50	15'50	6'74	11'24
1880	91	76	167	59	52	111	4	3	7	4	129	133	44	28	72	476	398	874	432	386	818	69'23	72'36	70'65	10'18	7'25	8'80
1881	124	93	217	38	41	79	2	3	5	1	3	4	44	23	67	515	423	938	428	335	763	32'25	47'31	38'70	10'28	6'86	8'78
1882	110	82	192	65	74	139	7	2	9	11	20	31	45	27	72	499	385	884	446	340	786	65'45	92'68	77'08	10'08	7'94	9'16

TABLE III.—Showing the Causes of Death during the Year 1882.

Cause of Death.	Males	Females.	Total.
Cerebral or spinal diseases :—			
Apoplexy and paralysis	1	2	3
Epilepsy and convulsions	2	..	2
General paresis	5	..	5
Inflammation and other diseases of the brain, softening, tumours, &c. ...	21	10	31
Thoracic diseases :—			
Inflammation of the lungs, pleuræ, and bronchi	4	1	5
Pulmonary consumption	3	4	7
Disease of the heart	1	..	1
Abdominal diseases :—			
Inflammation and ulceration of the stomach, intestines, or peritoneum	..	1	1
Dysentery and diarrhœa	2	..	2
Bright's disease	1	..	1
Erysipelas	1	..	1
Cancer	..	1	1
General debility and old age	1	..	1
Died whilst on leave	3	8	11
Total	45	27	72

TABLE IV.—Showing the Length of Residence of those Discharged Recovered, and of those who have Died during the Year 1882.

Length of Residence.	Recovered.			Died.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 1 month	9	3	12	6	1	7
From 1 to 3 months	8	7	15	7	..	7
" 3 " 6 "	2	7	9	1	2	3
" 6 " 9 "	7	4	11	5	..	5
" 9 " 12 "	2	9	11	5	1	6
" 1 " 2 years	7	9	16	4	3	7
" 2 " 3 "	8	5	13	4	3	7
" 3 " 5 "	13	21	34	5	7	12
" 5 " 7 "	6	6	12	4	2	6
" 7 " 10 "	3	2	5	3	6	9
" 10 " 12 "	..	1	1	1	2	3
" 12 " 15 "	..	..	..	..	..	..
Over 15 years	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total...	65	74	139	45	27	72

TABLE V.—Showing the Ages of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1882.

Ages.	Admissions.			Discharges.						Deaths.		
				Recovered.			Removed, Relieved or otherwise.					
	Males.	Females	Total.	Males.	Females	Total.	Males.	Females	Total.	Males.	Females	Total.
From 5 to 10 years ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 10 " 15 " ...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 15 " 20 " ...	6	7	13	2	3	5	...	...	...	2	...	2
" 20 " 30 " ...	26	24	50	18	19	37	8	3	11	5	6	11
" 30 " 40 " ...	27	18	45	16	20	36	4	6	10	4	3	7
" 40 " 50 " ...	26	17	43	12	20	32	7	7	14	11	3	14
" 50 " 60 " ...	14	10	24	11	7	18	2	5	7	10	8	18
" 60 " 70 " ...	7	4	11	2	3	5	...	1	1	6	3	9
" 70 " 80 " ...	5	...	5	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	1	4
" 80 " 90 " ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
" 90 and upwards ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unknown ...	5	7	12	3	2	5	3	2	5	3	3	6
Total ...	118	88	206	65	74	139	24	25	49	45	27	72

TABLE VI.—FARM ACCOUNT.

<i>Dr.</i>				<i>Cr.</i>			
—	At per	Rate.	Amount.	—	At per	Rate.	Amount.
To Wages—			£ s. d.	By 2,074 lbs. pork ...	pound	2½	£ s. d.
Farm bailiff ...	annum	£150	150 0 0	905 " veal ...	"	2½	19 8 10
Three carters ...	each	£60	180 0 0	3,582 " butter ...	"	10½	8 9 8
Warders ...	...	...	175 0 0	269 doz. eggs ...	dozen	1/5	160 8 10
Allowances—				75,701 qts. milk ...	quart	¼	19 1 1
Rations for four persons ...	annum	£13/10/8	54 2 8	698 tons firewood ...	ton	8/	1,261 13 8
Fuel, light, and water ...	...	...	6 16 3	Vegetables for patients' use sent to store—			279 4 0
Purchase of seeds ...	...	...	30 18 11	55,406 lbs. cabbage	pound	1/1	230 17 2
" vehicles, tools, &c., for farm ...	...	...	68 0 2	12,852 " carrots	"	1/1	53 11 0
" stock (one bull) ...	...	...	10 0 0	5,124 " pumpkins	"	1/1	21 7 0
Fuel, light, and water (farm buildings) ...	...	...	4 4 0	14,340 " turnips	"	1/1	59 15 0
Repairs farm implements, &c., shoeing	...	...	19 12 6	Cash sales (hides and pigs) ...	...	...	112 3 4
Incidentals ...	...	...	20 2 5	Work done unconnected with farm, 365 days' labour carter and horses ...	diem	10/	182 10 0
Grazing at Sunbury—				Manure supplied to gardens, 248 loads	load	3/6	43 8 0
Cattle, 49 head ...	each	20/1	49 0 0	Fodder grown and consumed—			
Forage for horses ...	...	...	50 1 9	35 bushels barley	bushel	3/6	6 2 6
Rent 360 acres ...	acre	7/	126 0 0	17 tons cabbage	ton	20/	17 0 0
Labour, average 12 patients for 3,750 days	diem	1/6	281 5 0	15 " carrots	"	20/	15 0 0
Fodder grown and consumed ...	...	...	860 3 2	25,000 bncls. green food ...	bundle	1/1	104 3 4
Balance (profit) ...	...	...	1218 15 3	80 tons hay ...	cental	4/11	440 10 8
				195 " mangold ...	ton	20/	195 0 0
				23 bushels pease ...	bushel	3/1	3 9 0
				10 tons straw ...	cental	2/10½	32 4 0
				25 " turnips ...	ton	20/	25 0 0
				55 bushels wheat	bushel	5/	13 15 0
Total ...	...	...	3,304 2 1	Total ...	...	...	3,304 2 1

TABLE VII.—GARDEN ACCOUNT.

Dr.				Cr.			
	At per	Rate.	Amount.		At per	Rate.	Amount.
To Wages—			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Gardener ...	annum	£110	110 0 0	By 2,960 lbs. beans			
Labour—Average 5 patients, 288 days	diem	1/6	108 0 0	304 „ beet			
Allowances—				77,565 „ cabbage			
Rations ...	...	...	13 10 8	9,109 „ carrots			
Fuel, light, and water	...	...	8 16 3	5,026 „ cauliflower			
Water for garden	...	...	2 0 0	723 „ celery			
Rent—Six acres	acre	£5	30 0 0	2,380 „ lettuce			
Purchase of—				8,713 „ marrows veg.			
Seeds ...	...	...	3 14 8	4,996 „ onions			
Tools ...	...	...	10 12 3	8,634 „ parsnips			
Manure—193 loads...	load	3/6	33 15 6	120 „ pease			
				8,795 „ pumpkins			
				3,293 „ radishes			
				514 „ rhubarb			
				3,235 „ soup veg.			
				55 „ spinach			
				8,988 „ turnips			
				3,463 „ „ tops			
				2,961 „ tomatoes			
				151,834 „ vegetables ...	lb.	/1	632 12 10
Balance (profit)	...	...	316 10 3	694 „ fruit ...	„	/1½	4 6 9
Total	...	...	636 19 7	Total	...	...	636 19 7

TABLE VIII.—Showing Number of Articles Made Up and Repaired by Male and Female Patients.

By Male Patients.			By Female Patients.		
Article.	Made up. Number.	Repaired. Number.	Article.	Made up. Number.	Repaired. Number.
Boots, men's, pairs ...	2	16	Blankets ...	...	269
„ „ ½-soled and heeled	...	645	Bonnets, sun ...	500	1,081
„ women's, pairs ...	...	28	Chemises, cotton ...	214	2,644
„ „ ½-soled and heeled	...	226	„ flannel ...	100	1,034
Balls, foot ...	...	7	Drawers, serge ...	88	561
„ cricket ...	...	15	Dresses, canvas ...	...	554
Bats „ ...	...	1	„ linsey and print ...	400	2,804
Belly-bands ...	...	4	Gowns, night ...	...	459
Breeching ...	...	3	Jackets, serge ...	70	...
Camisoles ...	...	24	„ wool ...	...	198
Caps, canvas ...	18	...	Jumpers, canvas ...	123	385
Coats ...	9	874	Petticoats, cotton and linsey	150	1,161
Gloves, leather, pairs	7	17	„ flannel ...	100	1,192
Holsters, scythe stones	15	...	Pillows, hair ...	100	...
Head stalls ...	...	2	„ slips ...	100	216
Horse boots ...	1	...	Sheets, cotton ...	480	1,370
„ collars ...	...	1	Shirts, „ ...	1,133	4,867
Hose, canvas, feet ...	238	...	„ serge ...	...	632
Knee-pads ...	...	1	Shrouds ...	100	...
Leathering brake ...	...	8	Socks and stockings, pairs ...	...	5,078
Protector ...	...	1	Tablecloths ...	80	...
Reins, pairs ...	...	7	Ticks, bed ...	176	471
Slippers „ ...	...	11	„ pillow ...	10	...
Straps ...	18	5	Towels ...	80	113
Suits, combination ...	4	...	Vests, flannel ...	221	556
Trousers, pairs ...	9	2,061			
„ „ canvas ...	2	...			
Waistcoats ...	9	467			
Whips ...	...	5			
Winkers ...	...	6			

TABLE IX.—Showing the Average Number of Patients Employed, Attending Amusements and Divine Services.

Particulars.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Particulars.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Employments—				Amusements—			
Attending messroom ...	2	...	2	Balls	200	130	330
Cricket ground ...	2	...	2	Billiards and reading room	27	...	27
Fancy work ...	...	5	5	Bowls	14	...	14
Farm ...	47	...	47	Cricket	150	...	150
Garden ...	10	...	10	Drives in waggonette ...	...	220	220
Household work ...	134	70	204	Football	150	...	150
Kitchen ...	6	...	6	Walking in the grounds	180	40	220
Laundry ...	...	45	45		721	390	1,111
Milking ...	13	...	13				
Ornamental grounds ...	17	...	17	Attending Divine Services	130	100	230
Piggery and closet cleaning	4	...	4				
Sewing room ...	...	100	100				
Store ...	4	...	4				
Workshops—							
Blacksmith ...	1	...	1				
Carpenter ...	1	...	1				
Shoemaker ...	2	...	2				
Tailor ...	5	...	5				
	248	220	468				

TABLE X.—Showing Assigned Causes of Insanity of Patients admitted during the Year 1882.

Assigned Cause.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Assigned Cause.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Accident ...	4	1	5	Paralysis ...	1	...	1
Brain disease ...	2	1	3	Poverty and old age ...	...	2	2
Congenital ...	4	1	5	Puerperal ...	...	3	3
Domestic trouble ...	1	7	8	Religion ...	1	6	7
Epilepsy ...	4	...	4	Sickness ...	2	...	2
Fright ...	...	1	1	Sunstroke ...	5	1	6
Hereditary ...	...	3	3	Unknown ...	65	38	103
Intemperance ...	8	4	12		104	69	173
Losses ...	5	...	5				
Love ...	...	1	1	Reported suicidal ...	19	15	34
Masturbation ...	2	...	2				

TABLE XI.—STATISTICS.

Particulars.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of lunatics supposed curable on 31st December, 1882 ...	47	52	99
" epileptic ...	40	26	66
" harmless imbeciles ...	40	22	62
" idiots (adult) ...	7	...	7
" " under 15 years ...	4	4	8
" Chinese ...	25	...	25
" on leave of absence ...	39	51	90
Condition as to marriage of those admitted during the year—			
Single ...	62	17	79
Married ...	33	39	72
Widowed ...	6	10	16
Unknown ...	4	3	7
Number of lunatics who have been removed on probation during the year	51	71	122
" discharged "recovered" while on probation	49	59	108
" " "relieved" "	7	2	9
" removed on bond ...	1	1	2
" sent to the asylum by their friends ...	12	20	32
" sent to the asylum by the police ...	94	58	152
" received from benevolent asylums, hospitals and gaols ...	4	4	8
Amount of single-room accommodation ...	116	66	182
Average number of lunatics requiring single-room accommodation throughout the year ...	145	90	235

Statistics.—There were 938 patients on the books on the 1st January, 1882, and at the end of the year there were only 884. A reduction of 54 patients thus took place during the twelve months, which is explained by the smaller number of admissions and the increased number of discharges. The admissions were 192, the discharges 223; the corresponding numbers in 1881 being 217 and 152 respectively. Of the patients discharged, 49 men and 59 women were absent from the asylum on probation, and forwarded certificates of recovery. In a large number of these cases leave had been extended from time to time, in some instances extending over a period of years, and certificates were only obtained on the urgent representations of the police, at the instance of the asylum authorities.

The death rate, 9·16 per cent., was below the average of the eight preceding years. More than half of the deaths resulted from disease of the brain and nervous system. Twelve deaths were due to pulmonary diseases. Eleven patients died while out of the asylum on leave.

Escapes.—Six patients escaped during the year, and of these five were retaken.

The general health has been good. Three warders and five patients were attacked with typhoid fever during the year, and all recovered. It was thought the appearance of typhoid might be due to imperfect drainage, and steps were taken to remedy this defect as far as possible.

Church services were conducted as usual, an average of 230 patients attending.

Amusements.—No change is to be recorded in connexion with the amusements. As formerly pointed out, a small allowance of money to enable patients of a suitable class to leave the asylum for recreation is a great desideratum.

Casualties.—The casualty book contains the record of six accidents to patients; amongst these were two instances of fractured arm, one of fractured ribs, and one of dislocated shoulder. The other injuries were of a less important character. In each case searching inquiry was instituted, and no reason was found to charge warders connected with these patients with cruelty or carelessness.

Conduct of Staff.—Irregularities on the part of warders came under official notice somewhat frequently. Only one charge of ill-usage of a patient was sustained, and it was considered that a fine of £2 would suit the requirements of the case. Fines to the extent of £26, varying from 10s to £3, were inflicted on warders who had broken rules in various other ways.

Seclusion.—Seclusion and restraint have been little used. The patients subjected to this treatment were 13 in number. They were either addicted to self-harming in a dangerous degree, or were destructive, tearing clothing and bedding persistently, leaving no choice between some mild form of restraint or unceasing attendance. The latter would doubtless be the preferable alternative, but is not practicable with the strength of staff at our disposal.

Gardens.—151,834 lbs. of vegetables are given as the garden yield, which compares favorably with last year's return.

Farm.—The farm continues to be very prolific, showing a good profit on money expended, and affording to patients that form of occupation which is the most favorable to their recovery. An average of 60 patients is daily employed in this manner.

Sewing-room.—A large quantity of clothing has been made by the female patients. All the female clothing, and a great part of the male, is made up in the sewing-room, where an average of 100 patients is daily occupied.

Food.—The general quality of the food provided has been fair. A change in the mode of baking the loaves supplied has resulted in a considerable improvement in the quality of the bread.

Buildings.—The condition of the buildings has been steadily deteriorating. The wood and iron work, walls and ceilings, are in immediate need of repair, as was unavailingly pointed out last year. If these works received attention as necessity arose, a comparatively small outlay would suffice to keep them in a state of preservation. Should the present system be continued, however, and no effort made to arrest the process of decay, a large and preventable expenditure will have to be faced at no very distant period.

T. T. DICK,
Medical Superintendent.

APPENDIX C.

LUNATIC ASYLUM, ARARAT.

TABLE I.—Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1882.

							Males.	Females.	Total.
In the asylum on 1st January, 1882	...	...	...	...	...	...	231	200	431
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Admitted for the first time	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	34	81
Re-admitted	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Transferred during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Retaken	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
Total admitted	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	35	84
Total under care during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	280	235	515
Discharged, removed, &c. :—							Males.	Females.	Total.
Recovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	18	43
Improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	8
Transferred	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Escaped	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
Died	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	13	45
Total discharged, died, &c., during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	63	37	100
Remaining in the asylum on the 31st December, 1882 (inclusive of absent on trial, males and females)	...	...	...	...	...	...	217	198	415
Average numbers resident during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	221	190	411

TABLE II.—Showing the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths, with the Mean Annual Mortality and Proportion of Recoveries, &c., per Cent. on the Admissions, for the Years 1867 to 1882.

Year.	Admitted.			Discharged.						Died.	Remaining on the 31st December in each Year.			Average Numbers Resident.			Percentage of Cases Recovered and Relieved on Admissions.			Percentage of Deaths on the Average Numbers Resident.							
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Recovered.		Relieved.		Transferred.			Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.					
				Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.																		
1867	37	14	51	1	...	1	2	...	2	...	...	1	...	1	85	17	102	64	8	72	8.10	...	8.88	1.56	...	1.38	
1868	82	53	135	27	22	49	7	3	10	...	...	15	3	18	158	112	270	127	90	217	41.46	47.16	43.70	11.81	3.33	8.29	
1869	63	46	109	37	18	55	1	7	8	...	...	26	8	34	156	125	281	154	117	271	60.31	54.34	57.79	16.88	6.83	12.54	
1870	89	44	133	27	34	61	10	3	13	...	...	19	12	31	200	141	341	174	127	301	41.57	84.09	55.63	10.91	9.44	10.29	
1871	74	42	116	39	15	54	2	5	7	...	...	25	2	27	206	161	367	204	151	356	55.40	47.61	52.38	12.25	1.32	7.58	
1872	41	19	60	13	2	15	4	3	7	...	...	16	8	24	215	167	382	206	162	369	41.46	26.31	36.66	7.76	4.93	6.50	
1873	26	13	39	15	10	25	4	5	9	...	1	9	5	14	211	161	372	208	159	368	73.07	115.38	87.18	4.32	3.14	3.80	
1874	32	18	50	9	9	18	1	1	2	1	2	3	12	9	21	219	158	377	210	156	367	31.25	55.55	40.00	5.71	5.76	5.72
1875	21	15	36	17	11	28	...	3	3	1	...	1	10	3	13	212	156	368	216	151	368	80.95	93.33	86.11	4.62	1.98	3.53
1876	22	19	41	6	8	14	3	2	5	...	1	1	10	6	16	215	158	373	212	153	366	40.90	52.63	46.34	4.71	3.92	4.37
1877	46	16	62	17	12	29	...	...	...	1	...	1	30	4	34	212	159	371	207	152	360	36.95	75.00	46.77	14.49	2.63	9.44
1878	44	37	81	19	10	29	...	...	...	1	1	2	22	7	29	215	179	394	211	162	373	43.18	27.02	35.80	10.42	4.32	7.77
1879	77	32	109	26	18	44	2	...	2	...	1	1	36	9	45	227	184	411	214	176	390	36.36	56.25	42.20	16.82	5.11	11.53
1880	60	38	98	20	14	34	...	...	...	1	...	1	28	8	36	238	200	438	223	184	407	33.33	36.84	34.69	12.55	4.34	8.84
1881	47	40	87	20	22	42	1	...	1	...	1	1	32	17	49	231	200	431	231	188	419	44.68	55.00	49.42	13.85	9.04	11.69
1882	47	34	81	25	18	43	4	4	8	...	1	1	32	13	45	217	198	415	221	190	411	61.70	64.70	62.96	14.47	6.84	10.94

TABLE III.—Showing the Causes of Death during the Year 1882.

Cause of Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Cerebral or spinal diseases :—			
Inflammation and other diseases of the brain, softening, tumours, &c....	27	11	38
Thoracic diseases :—			
Inflammation of the lungs, pleuræ, and bronchi	3	2	5
Pulmonary consumption	1	...	1
Disease of the heart	1	...	1
Total	32	13	45

TABLE IV.—Showing the Length of Residence of those Discharged Recovered and of those who have Died during the Year 1882.

Length of Residence.	Recovered.			Died.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 1 month	2		3	3	...	3
From 1 to 3 months	8	3	11	2	...	2
" 3 " 6 "	2	4	6	6	...	6
" 6 " 9 "	1	7	8	2	...	2
" 9 " 12 " ... ..	...	1	1	3	...	3
" 1 " 2 years	5	2	7	3	4	7
" 2 " 3 "	3	...	3	1	2	3
" 3 " 5 "	3	...	3	4	4	8
" 5 " 7 " ... ..	...	...	...	1	2	3
" 7 " 10 " ... ..	...	...	...	2	1	3
" 10 " 12 " ... ..	...	...	...	1	...	1
" 12 " 15 "	1	...	1	4	...	4
Over 15 years ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	25	18	43	32	13	45

TABLE V.—Showing the Ages of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1882.

Ages.	Admissions.			Discharges.						Deaths.		
				Recovered.			Removed, Relieved or otherwise.					
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
From 5 to 10 years ... ..	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 10 " 15 "	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
" 15 " 20 "	3	3	6	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	1	1
" 20 " 30 "	6	3	9	1	2	3	1	...	1	4	3	7
" 30 " 40 "	6	11	17	1	4	5	...	...	...	1	2	3
" 40 " 50 "	11	6	17	10	2	12	3	3	6	10	2	12
" 50 " 60 "	7	5	12	6	6	12	1	3	4	8	2	10
" 60 " 70 "	7	1	8	1	...	1	...	...	...	5	2	7
" 70 " 80 "	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2
" 80 " 90 " ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 90 and upwards ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unknown	5	5	10	3	4	7	1	...	1	2	...	2
Total	49	35	84	25	18	43	6	6	12	32	13	45

Dr.		TABLE VI.—FARM ACCOUNT.						Cr.			
—	At per	Rate.	Amount.			—	At per	Rate.	Amount.		
			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
To Wages—											
Farm bailiff ...	annum	£120	120	0	0	By 1,173 lbs. beef and veal	cental	17/6	10	5	3
Carter	£60	60	0	0	2,627 „ pork ...	..	17/6	22	19	8
Warders	65	0	0	943 „ butter ...	lb.	1/10½	41	5	1
Allowances—											
Rations to 3 persons	43	15	8	200 ³ / ₁₂ dozen eggs ...	dozen	1/	10	0	3
Fuel, light, and water	6	0	0	30,163 quarts milk ...	quart	1/4	502	14	4
Purchase of—											
Seeds	27	4	8	Sale of hides and horse	..	..	15	16	0
Implements and tools	20	0	8	Work done unconnected					
Stock	80	0	0	with the farm, 61 days'					
Manure	12	0	0	labour carter and					
Fuel, light, and water	2	12	6	horses ...	diem	10/	30	10	0
(farm buildings)	Carting 152 loads ma-	load	2/6	19	0	0
Repairs farm implements,	11	4	0	nure for the garden...					
shoeing, &c.	2	13	5	Allowance to farm la-					
Harness and repairs	1	15	0	bourer employed in					
Incidentals	4	11	3	the shrubbery ...	..	..	9	15	0
Forage for horses	107	6	0	Fodder grown and con-					
„ „ cows	sumed—					
Rent—											
78 acres ...	acre	3/	11	14	0	54 tons hay ...	cental	4/2	252	0	0
94 acres	2/6	11	15	0	80 „ mangolds ...	ton	20/	80	0	0
300 acres	1/3	18	15	0	91 „ green food ...	..	15/	68	5	0
Labour, average 7 per-	diem	1/6	135	0	0	2 „ wheaten straw	cental	1/3	2	16	0
sons for 1,800 days...	20 bushels wheat ...	bushel	5/	5	0	0
Farm labourer, 109 days	week	20/	15	11	5	10 „ English rye					
Rations for farm la-	4	6	8	grass seed	..	5/6	2	15	0
bourer, 109 days	4 „ Italian „	..	6/	1	4	0
Fodder grown and con-	412	0	0	Balance (loss) ...	..	..	98	19	8
sumed						
Total	1,173	5	3	Total ...	..	..	1,173	5	3

Dr.		TABLE VII.—GARDEN ACCOUNT.						Cr.			
—	At per	Rate.	Amount.			—	At per	Rate.	Amount.		
			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
To Wages—											
Gardener ...	annum	£95	95	0	0	By 2,990 lbs. beans					
Labour, average 1,913½	diem	1/6	143	10	3	21,904 „ cabbages					
days ...	..	..	..	..	..	11,406 „ carrots					
Allowances—											
Rations ...	..	..	14	11	7	1,859 „ cauliflowers					
Fuel, light, and water	..	..	6	1	0	1,106 „ lettuce					
Rent, 8 acres ...	acre	20/	8	0	0	5,154 „ vegetable mar-					
Purchase of—											
Seeds and tools ...	..	..	5	9	1	rows					
Manure ...	..	..	12	0	0	3,917 „ onions					
Carting 152 loads of	load	2/6	19	0	0	5,204 „ parsnips					
manure ...	..	..	..	..	..	822 „ peas					
						667 „ radish					
						2,790 „ rhubarb					
						4 „ thyme					
						8,824 „ turnips					
						1,135 „ tomatoes					
						67,782 „ vegetables ...	lb.	1/1	282	8	6
						254 trees Pinus insignis ...	100	25/	3	2	6
Balance (profit) ...	..	..	26	15	4	Allowance to gardener for					
						attending ornamental					
						grounds ...	..	..	44	16	3
Total ...	..	..	330	7	3	Total ...	..	..	330	7	3

TABLE VIII.—Showing Number of Articles Made Up and Repaired by Male and Female Patients.

Male.				Female.			
Article.	Made Up. No.	Repaired. No.		Article.	Made Up. No.	Repaired. No.	
Boots, men's ...	...	400		Aprons ...	36	...	
„ women's ...	...	17		Badges ...	...	...
Coats ...	...	...		Blankets ...	...	44	
Dresses, canvas ...	12	...		Blinds ...	13	...	
Gloves, leather ...	12	40		Bonnets ...	230	664	
Trousers ...	6	...		Chemises, cotton ...	348	1,454	
„ canvas ...	1	...		„ flannel ...	125	608	
				Coats ...	...	493	
				Drawers, flannel ...	171	...	
				Dresses, canvas ...	26	511	
				„ ...	261	1,770	
				Gowns, night ...	...	37	
				Petticoats, cotton ...	123	826	
				„ flannel ...	315	989	
				Pillowslips ...	440	81	
				Rugs ...	...	111	
				Sheets ...	999	152	
				Shirts, cotton... ..	276	2,586	
				„ serge ...	42	575	
				Shrouds ...	25	...	
				Socks and stockings ...	...	5,467	
				Tablecloths ...	189	...	
				Ticks, bed ...	160	164	
				„ pillow ...	75	...	
				Trousers ...	...	3,033	
				Towels ...	200	...	
				Vests, flannel ...	176	493	
				Waistcoats ...	...	484	
				Wool jackets ...	...	68	

TABLE IX.—Showing the Average Number of Patients Employed, Attending Amusements and Divine Services.

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	Male.	Female.	Total.		Male.	Female.	Total.
Employments—				Amusements—			
Household work ...	60	30	90	Concerts	40	50	90
Fancy work ... ..	...	10	10	Cricket	30	...	30
In the shops and sewing-room	4	20	24	Walking beyond the grounds	30	30	60
Laundry work ... ..	...	14	14				
On the grounds	40	...	40	Total	100	80	180
Total	104	74	178	Attending Divine Service	50	40	90

TABLE X.—STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of lunatics supposed curable on 31st December, 1882	25	18	43
„ epileptic	11	15	26
„ harmless imbeciles	6	4	10
„ idiots (adults)	1	...	1
„ „ (children under 15 yrs.),	4	1	5
„ Chinese	18	...	18
Condition as to marriage of those admitted during the year			
Single	28	8	36
Married	13	23	36
Widowed	5	2	7
Unknown	1	1	2
Number of lunatics who have been removed on probation during the year	13	11	24
„ „ recovered whilst on probation	14	16	30
„ „ been removed on bond ... ..	...	...	...
„ sent to the asylum by their friends	1	10	11
„ „ by police	46	24	70
„ received from benevolent asylums, hospitals, and gaols	6	1	7
Amount of single-room accommodation	43	33	76
Average number requiring single-room accommodation during the year	50	40	90

Statistics.—There were 431 patients on the books of the asylum on the 1st of January, including 22 out on trial. On the 31st of December the number was 415, including 11 on trial, showing a decrease of 16. The discharges of patients, recovered and relieved, reached 62·96 per cent. on the admissions; this high rate was caused by the discharge of a number of patients who were on trial from the previous years, and the admission of more curable cases. The death rate was 10·94 in each 100 of the daily average number resident; 38 of the deaths were caused by chronic disease of the brain and its membranes, 6 by chronic disease of the lungs, and 1 by disease of the heart. I am again thankful to be able to state that no death was caused by accident or contagious disease. Among the admissions were many cases that seemed more suitable for care in a benevolent asylum than to be sent to an institution of this nature.

Accidents.—A female patient, E. H., fell on the floor of the day-room in an epileptic fit, and fractured her left collar-bone. A male warder had a rib broken and his ankle sprained by a violent patient.

Amusements.—The cricket ground was much improved, and the interest evinced by the patients in games markedly increased. The fortnightly dances were well attended, and a number of ladies and gentlemen kindly brightened up the refreshment time with songs and music. All the usual amusements were carried on, and a number of patients sent to sports, races, &c., in Ararat. On Boxing Day dancing, different games, and some refreshments, were provided in the asylum reserve.

Work.—The year was unfavorable for farming, autumn and spring both being dry, and the winter so wet that the land could not be worked for some weeks. It is growing more evident year by year that it will be necessary to conserve water so as to get the full advantage of the farm. The large dam made by asylum labour for the garden has enabled the gardener to produce what seems to me, considering the bad season, a satisfactory return of vegetables, and this supply has been fairly extended over every month of the year. The cricket ground has been much improved, but a pavilion to shelter the patients watching the game is very much required; this could be put up by asylum labour at the cost of £18 or £20. The planting of trees in the airing and court yards was continued. The laundry deserves a word of special praise for the care taken in getting troublesome and noisy patients to work.

Seclusion.—Seclusion and restraint were seldom resorted to. A dangerous criminal lunatic was, on a few occasions, placed in a camisole, which caused a marked improvement in his conduct afterwards.

Religious Services.—Services were regularly held for patients of the different denominations, and well attended. A choir, formed by members of the staff, with the kind assistance of ladies and gentlemen not connected with the institution, helped to make the Church of England and Presbyterian services bright and cheerful for the patients.

State of the Building.—Many of the iron water tanks were corroded, and in an unsafe state; these have all now been replaced by new ones, and a baker's oven erected. No other work of importance was carried out during the year. The inside of the asylum has not been painted for over six years. The gates and fences badly require painting; this could be done by asylum labour if paint were supplied. The floors of some of the verandahs are getting into a dangerous state, and many of the chimney-pieces are broken and dilapidated. I would suggest that the wards be brightened up by opening green-houses off them; this could be done from time to time at very little cost by the labour of the patients and staff.

Discipline.—The discipline was maintained up to the standard of former years, and I have to thank the staff generally for the good work they have done in their different places. Petty personal quarrels have caused trouble, and as it is impossible in most cases to bring them before boards of inquiry it is not easy to find means for stopping them.

General Remarks.—An institution like this should be looked upon as an hospital for persons suffering from certain forms of brain disease. Nurses are required to tend, look after, and nurse, and not warders to guard as in gaol. It is but few persons that possess the nursing faculty to any great degree, it therefore follows that the attendants should be selected by skilled persons from the widest possible field. Members of the staff should feel that if they evinced skill, tact, and kindness, they would be advanced, and if they only discharged their duties in a dull mechanical manner they would have to find other employment. If any hospital for insane departs from these self-evident principles in a like measure must it fall short of the highest standard of good to which it might attain.

Inspection.—This asylum was visited and inspected by the Inspector of Asylums and the Board of Official Visitors; reports of such inspections were forwarded to the Honorable the Chief Secretary.

J. V. McCREERY,
Medical Superintendent.

INSPECTOR'S REPORTS.

10th March.—During yesterday and to-day I have made official inspection for the current quarter.

There are now under care 220 male and 190 female patients, these numbers being 56 and 50 in excess of the estimated accommodation for the two sexes. It is absolutely necessary that additional accommodation should be provided, not only to guard against the injurious effects of overcrowding, but also to afford means of relief in the event of an outbreak of epidemic or contagious disease. In the present state of the

building it would be impossible effectually to isolate infected persons, and a contagion might any day be introduced, which would lead to very disastrous results; I therefore repeat recommendation, which have been made in previous reports, viz., to build detached hospital wards for 30 men and 20 women, a cottage for 20 men at the farm, a cottage for 20 male imbeciles and idiots, and a cottage for 20 convalescent females.

The general health of the inmates is fairly satisfactory, and only two men and three women were confined to bed at the time of my visit. One of the former was an old man 79 years of age, who was sent from the Ballarat Benevolent Asylum last month, and who was so weak that he had to be almost carried into the ward on his arrival at the asylum. When I saw this man he was lying in bed almost moribund, and I was told he had been helpless and bedridden since admission. This is, in my opinion, a shameful instance of the improper removal of a feeble imbecile to a lunatic asylum, when, with very little trouble and expense, he might have been kept until his death in the institution where he had found a refuge.

I found a considerable number of men in the front airing court, and a good many hospital patients were seated under the verandah overlooking the court. The dress of the men was more tidy than on the occasion of my last visit.

The strength of the warders' staff has been made up to the standard mentioned in my entry of 16th December last; and as to the men, I think it now sufficient, but it will probably be necessary to appoint an additional female warder at no distant date.

The supplies in store appeared to me of satisfactory quality, and I saw a good and well cooked dinner served to the male patients in a creditable and orderly manner.

The following works and repairs are in course of execution:—Building a brick oven, relaying floor and drain of kitchen, renewing worn out water tanks in the roof, repairing bath-room boilers in male and female divisions.

Amusements are as heretofore, and the usual out and in-door employment engage the attention of a fair average of the inmates.

The recent orders of admission have been examined, and found correct; and the statutory books have been seen and signed.

23rd June.—During yesterday and to-day I have made official inspection of this asylum.

Since the last record on the 10th of March, 16 males and 9 females have been admitted, 6 males and 2 females discharged, 10 males and 3 females died, 7 patients have returned from leave, and an equal number have been allowed on leave. There now remain on the books 222 males and 192 females, or two more of each sex than at the last visit, and 58 and 52 respectively in excess of the estimated accommodation.

To remedy this overcrowding I have again to urge the prompt building of detached hospital, of a cottage for 20 men at the farm, a cottage for 20 male imbeciles and idiots, and a cottage for 20 convalescent females.

Amongst those admitted was a man 65 years old, sent from Ballarat, who lived only a week after reception. In the case-book is the following respecting him:—"J. C., admitted April 19th; general health very feeble, is unable to walk, a very large bed sore exists over the sacral and lower lumbar regions, and signs of more coming in the hips. April 25th—bedsores extended in spite of treatment; was fed most carefully at frequent intervals, but he gradually sank, and died this morning of exhaustion, the result of his weakened condition and bedsores." To send such a man in such a condition to a lunatic asylum is, in my opinion, unnecessary and wholly unjustifiable. It was impossible for him to derive any benefit from it, and it is doubtful if his death was not hastened by the long railway journey in winter weather. I think it would be well if magistrates were counselled before ordering the conveyance of a feeble person to an asylum to obtain from one of the certifying medical men a written statement that the patient is in a fit condition of bodily health to bear removal to his destination.

The general condition of the patients in the asylum and of the various parts of the establishment was satisfactory. No epidemic or contagious disease exists, and, though many of the inmates are in feeble health, I found very few of them in bed.

On inquiry, I have learned that a few destructive patients have been restrained by gloves for short periods; that one very violent female wore a camisole for three hours; that there has been no serious casualty, and that all the deaths have arisen from natural causes.

I examined carefully all provisions and stores, and found no cause of complaint.

In spite of the very unfavorable season which has just passed, there has been a fair supply of vegetables; but the dairy has been very much hampered by want of feed.

Some repairs have lately been done by contract; but it seems to me that the attention of the Public Works Department should be directed to the unsatisfactory way in which certain parts of the work have been executed, especially as to the brick oven and the flooring of the kitchen.

With regard to the recommendation made by the official visitors in their June report, that additional means of warming the men's hospital should be introduced, I fear that there are serious difficulties in the way. The only effectual remedy, in my opinion, is to build a detached hospital; but, if this cannot be speedily accomplished, I would recommend that two small wards in the front of the building be connected by a staircase and used for hospital purposes, as a temporary expedient.

The statutory books and the recent orders of admission have been examined, and found to be in proper form.

6th October.—Official inspection. Since my last visit, on the 26th of June, 11 males and 13 females have been admitted, 8 males and 7 females have been discharged, and 12 males and 7 females have died; leaving on the register 217 males and 189 females, or a total of 406. This represents an excess of 53 males and 49 females, or a total of 102 over the estimated accommodation; and herein is a serious evil, which demands prompt remedy by the means pointed out in my report of 23rd June and in my previous entries.

From the Medical Journal I learn that the general health of the patients has been good, that there has been very little restraint, that no serious casualty has occurred, and that the deaths have been from ordinary causes.

In addition to the new buildings above suggested, various repairs and minor works are needed, namely, removal of iron water-tanks, painting and cleansing many of the wards, replacing broken chimney-pieces, &c.

As a temporary expedient, and pending the erection of a detached hospital for males, I have advised that two small wards in the front of the building should be connected by a staircase and used for hospital purposes; but I am still strongly of opinion that a detached hospital should be built as soon as there are available funds.

The wards I passed through were in good order, and the patients were quiet in demeanour, and clean and neat in dress and person.

The dinner, placed ready for issue on the tables of the dining-hall, was of good quality, well cooked, and sufficient in quantity.

During the month of September the garden yielded 5,567 lbs. of assorted vegetables, as against 6,391 lbs. in the corresponding month of 1881, and 6,577 lbs. in 1880.

For the same month there were sent to store from the farm 3,302 quarts of milk and 373 eggs, and for the corresponding months of 1881 and 1880 2,940 quarts of milk and 347 eggs, and 2,613 quarts of milk and 340 eggs respectively. Thus there has been a considerable increase in provision supply from the farm, and an important falling-off in that from the garden.

The statutory books were found on examination to be carefully kept, and the recent orders for admission of patients were in legal form.

Considerable efforts have been made to improve the airing courts, by planting trees and shrubs and by forming flower beds and walks, and in a short time these endeavours will produce very pleasant results.

I found both clothing and provision stores in very neat and creditable condition, and had no cause to complain of the quality of any of the supplies.

On the whole, I have much pleasure in recording my opinion that the Ararat Asylum is under careful, intelligent, and judicious management.

APPENDIX D.

LUNATIC ASYLUM, BEECHWORTH.

TABLE I.—Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1882.

							Males.	Females.	Total.
In the asylum on 1st January, 1882 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	255	188	443
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Admitted for the first time ...	...	...	...	...	...	19	10	29	
Re-admitted ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Transferred during the year ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Retaken ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total admitted ...	...	...	...	...	...	19	10	29	
Total under care during the year ...	...	...	...	...	...	274	198	472	
Discharged, removed, &c. :—							Males.	Females.	Total.
Recovered ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	4	
Improved ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Transferred ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	
Escaped ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	
Died ...	...	...	...	...	...	15	5	20	
Total discharged, died, &c., during the year ...	...	...	...	...	...	20	8	28	
Remaining in the asylum on the 31st December, 1882 (inclusive of absent on trial, males and females) ...	...	...	...	...	...	254	190	444	
Average numbers resident during the year ...	...	...	...	...	...	254	188	442	

TABLE II.—Showing the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths, with the Mean Annual Mortality and Proportion of Recoveries, &c., per Cent. on the Admissions, for the Years 1867 to 1882.

Year.	Admitted.			Discharged.									Died.			Remaining on the 31st December in each Year.			Average Numbers Resident.			Percentage of Cases Recovered and Relieved on Admissions.			Percentage of Deaths on the Average Numbers Resident.					
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Recovered.			Relieved.			Transferred.			Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
				Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.																		
1867	17	4	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	55	16	71	25	9	34	...	...	...	4'00	...	2'90
1868	19	10	29	6	4	10	...	1	1	...	...	7	...	7	176	119	295	129	83	212	31'57	50'00	39'73	5'40	...	3'30		
1869	19	12	31	11	5	16	2	2	4	1	1	2	9	2	11	171	127	298	173	127	300	68'42	58'33	64'51	5'20	1'57	3'66			
1870	16	11	27	5	5	10	...	5	5	1	1	2	6	1	7	176	127	303	171	126	297	31'25	90'90	55'55	3'50	0'79	2'33			
1871	27	8	35	10	3	13	1	2	3	...	...	8	2	10	184	128	312	177	126	304	40'74	62'50	45'71	4'51	1'58	3'28		
1872	36	9	45	14	7	21	...	3	3	3	...	3	11	3	14	191	124	315	189	125	315	38'88	111'11	53'33	5'82	2'40	4'44			
1873	30	11	41	13	6	19	1	...	1	...	...	14	3	17	192	126	318	190	122	313	46'66	54'54	48'78	7'36	2'45	5'43		
1874	21	11	32	9	6	15	3	1	4	...	...	9	1	10	192	129	321	190	125	315	57'14	63'63	59'37	4'73	0'80	3'17		
1875	25	8	33	10	1	11	1	...	1	...	...	6	3	9	235	132	367	195	129	324	44'00	12'50	36'36	3'07	2'32	2'77		
1876	22	19	41	15	5	20	...	3	2	5	3	8	16	8	24	284	194	478	271	168	439	68'18	42'10	56'09	5'90	4'76	5'46			
1877	30	5	35	16	11	27	...	...	...	...	...	19	2	21	275	182	457	277	187	464	53'33	220'00	77'14	6'85	1'06	4'52
1878	28	12	40	18	3	21	1	...	1	1	3	4	7	7	14	273	200	473	267	186	453	67'85	25'00	55'00	2'62	3'76	3'09			
1879	15	10	25	7	5	12	...	...	...	...	...	9	4	13	271	199	470	269	196	465	46'66	50'00	48'00	3'35	2'04	2'80
1880	18	8	26	15	8	23	...	...	...	...	1	17	4	21	256	195	451	262	196	458	83'33	100'00	88'46	6'48	2'04	4'58
1881	22	4	26	9	6	15	4	1	5	...	...	8	5	13	255	188	443	254	190	444	59'09	175'00	76'92	3'14	2'63	2'92		
1882	19	10	29	1	3	4	2	...	2	15	5	20	254	190	444	254	188	442	5'26	30'00	13'79	5'90	2'65	4'52			

TABLE III.—Showing the Causes of Death during the Year 1882.

Cause of Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Cerebral or spinal diseases :—			
Apoplexy and paralysis	...	...	1
Epilepsy and convulsions	...	...	1
General paresis	...	...	2
Maniacal and melancholic exhaustion or decay	...	...	1
Inflammation and other diseases of the brain, softening, tumours, &c....	1	...	1
Thoracic diseases :—			
Inflammation of the lungs, pleuræ, and bronchi	4	2	6
Pulmonary consumption	2	...	2
Disease of the heart	1	...	1
Abdominal diseases—			
Dysentery and diarrhœa	...	3	3
Bright's disease	1	...	1
General debility and old age			
	1	...	1
Total	15	5	20

TABLE IV.—Showing the Length of Residence of those Discharged Recovered and of those who have Died during the Year 1882.

Length of Residence.	Recovered.			Died.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 1 month
From 1 to 3 months ...	1	1	2	2	...	2
" 3 " 6 "	1	...	1
" 6 " 9 "
" 9 " 12 "	1	1	2	...	2
" 1 " 2 years	3	...	3
" 2 " 3 "	1	1	...	1	1
" 3 " 5 "	1	1	2
" 5 " 7 "	2	...	2
" 7 " 10 "	2	1	3
" 10 " 12 "
" 12 " 15 "	2	2	4
Over 15 years
Total ...	1	3	4	15	5	20

TABLE V.—Showing the Ages of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1882.

Ages.	Admissions.			Discharges.						Deaths.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Recovered.			Removed, Relieved or otherwise.			Males.	Females.	Total.
				Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.			
From 5 to 10 years ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 10 " 15 " ...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 15 " 20 " ...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
" 20 " 30 " ...	4	...	4	...	...	...	2	...	2	1	...	1
" 30 " 40 " ...	1	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	...
" 40 " 50 " ...	7	2	9	1	2	3	...	...	6	2	8	...
" 50 " 60 " ...	4	1	5	...	...	...	2	...	2	2	4	...
" 60 " 70 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
" 70 " 80 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...
" 80 " 90 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 90 and upwards ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unknown ...	1	1	2	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	...
Total ...	19	10	29	1	3	4	4	...	4	15	5	20

Dr.

TABLE VI.—FARM ACCOUNT.

Cr.

—	At per	Rate.	Amount.	—	At per	Rate.	Amount.
To Wages—			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Farm bailiff ...	annum	£110	110 0 0	By 1,070 lbs. pork ...	cental	11/9	6 5 8
Carter ...	...	...	65 0 0	844 " " ...	lb.	/2	7 0 8
Warders ...	...	...	45 13 2	1,250 " " ...	"	/11 ¹ / ₈	8 15 9
Allowances—				354 " veal ...	cental	11/9	2 1 7
Rations to 3 persons ...	...	...	39 0 0	296 " " ...	lb.	/11 ¹ / ₈	2 1 7
Fuel, light, and water ...	...	...	10 0 0	40 " poultry ...	cental	11/9	0 4 8
Purchase of—				21 " " ...	lb.	/11 ¹ / ₈	0 2 11
Seeds ...	...	...	21 0 5	55 " butter ...	"	/6	1 7 6
Implements and tools ...	...	...	11 5 9	272 " " ...	"	/19	23 16 0
Stock ...	...	...	12 0 0	911 ³ / ₄ " " ...	"	/10 ³ / ₄	40 16 9
Manure ...	...	...	9 14 10	256 ³ / ₂ doz. eggs ...	dozen	1/	12 16 8
Fuel, light, and water (farm buildings) ...	...	...	39 5 0	33,755 qts. milk ...	quart	/4	562 11 8
Repairs to farm implements, &c. ...	...	...	6 0 6	290 tons firewood ...	ton	3/	43 10 0
Incidentals (including shoeing) ...	...	...	15 19 1	Sale of stock ...	...	...	4 5 6
Grazing ...	...	...	23 8 7	Work done unconnected with the farm, 229 ⁶ / ₈ days' labour, carter and horses ...	diem	10/	114 17 6
Forage for horses ...	...	...	45 4 6	Fodder grown and consumed—			
" " cows ...	...	...	129 11 5	52 tons hay ...	cental	3/9	218 8 0
Rent—				3 " straw ...	"	2/8	8 19 2
47 acres ...	acre	6/	14 2 0	80 " green food ...	ton	15/	60 0 0
102 acres ...	"	2/	10 4 0	12 cwt. potatoes ...	cental	6/5	4 6 2
Labour, average 11 persons for 237 days ...	diem	1/6	195 10 6	80 bushels wheat... ..	"	5/	20 0 0
Fodder grown and consumed	316 9 4	8 " vetches ...	bushel	12/	4 16 0
Balance (profit)	27 14 8				
Total	1,147 3 9	Total	1,147 3 9

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TABLE VII.—GARDEN ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Dr.				Cr.			
—	At per	Rate.	Amount.	—	At per.	Rate.	Amount.
To Wages—			£ s. d.	By 132 lbs. asparagus			£ s. d.
Gardener ...	annum	£95	95 0 0	2,276 „ beans ...			
Warders ...	...	...	40 8 4	370 „ beetroot			
Labour, average 15 persons for 260 days ...	diem	1/6	292 10 0	64,552 „ cabbages			
Allowances ...	...	...	16 4 4	1,283 „ caulifwrs.			
Purchase of—				668 „ celery ...			
Seeds and tools ...	...	...	4 19 3	357 „ cucumbers			
Manure ...	...	...	19 9 8	1,053 „ lettuces			
Rent, 12½ acres...	acre	40/0	25 10 0	2,052 „ marrows			
				2,166 „ onions ...			
				4,856 „ parsnips			
				334 „ pease			
				18,962 „ pumpkins			
				2,705 „ radishes			
				3,522 „ rhubarb			
				2,776 „ soup vegetables			
				1,496 „ tomatoes			
				7,105 „ turnips ...			
				2,162 „ carrots ...			
				199 „ leeks ...			
				6 „ herbs ...			
Balance (profit) ...	...	...	79 16 3	119,032 „ vegetables lb.	/1		495 19 4
				12,468 „ fruit ...	/1½		77 18 6
Total ...	...	...	573 17 10	Total ...	...	...	573 17 10

TABLE VIII.—Showing Number of Articles Made Up and Repaired by Male and Female Patients.

Male.			Female.		
Article.	Made Up. No.	Repaired. No.	Article.	Made Up. No.	Repaired. No.
Boots, men's ...	...	558½	Aprons ...	2	208
„ women's...	...	89	Blankets ...	...	113
Canvas caps ...	...	9	Bonnets, sun ...	170	1,762
„ camisoles ...	...	14	Chemises, cotton ...	215	2,704
„ dresses ...	...	2	„ flannel ...	114	725
Gloves, leather ...	9	17½	Curtains ...	3½	...
„ canvas ...	6	...	Drawers, osnaburg and flannel ...	20	639
Coats ...	...	628	„ serge ...	30	...
Mattresses, re-made ...	22	...	Dresses, canvas ...	...	449
Pillows, hair „ ...	35	...	„ linsey woolsey ...	110	...
Slippers ...	...	29	„ print ...	135	2,620
Straps, leather ...	...	114	Gowns, night ...	10	145
Trousers ...	...	2,453	Petticoats, cotton ...	100	1,816
Waistcoats ...	...	167	„ flannel ...	110	1,152
Water-cooler, canvas ...	1	...	Pillowslips ...	360	1,879
Muzzle ...	1	...	Rugs, woollen ...	...	268
Repairs, general ...	...	13	Sheets ...	689	1,873
			Shirts, cotton ...	460	1,825
			„ serge ...	...	422
			Socks and stockings ...	...	3,454
			Shrouds ...	10	...
			Tablecloths ...	...	351
			Ticks, bed ...	49	939
			„ pillow ...	40	309
			Trousers ...	...	970
			Towels ...	126	241
			Vests, flannel ...	...	589
			„ serge ...	198	...
			Coats ...	...	540
			Jumpers ...	...	1,167

TABLE IX.—Showing the Average Number of Patients Employed, Attending Amusements and Divine Service.

—				—			
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Males.	Females.	Total.
Employments—				Amusements—			
Farm and garden ...	69	...	69	Consisting of dancing, reading, billiards, cards, dominoes, draughts, football, bowling, drives in waggonette, and attending pic-nic ...	97	105	202
Kitchen ...	4	...	4				
Laundry ...	...	24	24				
Servants ...	4	4	8				
Store ...	2	...	2				
Sewing-room ...	...	36	36				
Wards, airing courts, &c.	42	31	73				
Workshops ...	20	...	20				
Total ...	141	95	236	Attending Divine service ...	80	60	140

TABLE X.—STATISTICS.

—				Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of lunatics supposed curable on 31st December, 1882				11	7	18
" epileptic	" "	" "	" "	8	9	17
" harmless imbeciles	" "	" "	" "	37	25	62
" idiots, adults	" "	" "	" "	3	1	4
" " children under 15 years	" "	" "	" "	...	2	2
" Chinese	" "	" "	" "	28	1	29
Condition as to marriage of those admitted during the year—						
Single ...	" "	" "	" "	11	3	14
Married	" "	" "	" "	6	4	10
Widowed	" "	" "	" "	...	3	3
Unknown	" "	" "	" "	2	...	2
Number of lunatics who have been removed on probation during the year				6	6	12
" " recovered while on probation	" "	" "	" "	1	2	3
" " been removed on bond	" "	" "	" "	...	...	...
" sent to asylum by their friends	" "	" "	" "	...	4	4
" sent by police	" "	" "	" "	16	6	22
" received from benevolent asylums, hospitals, and gaols	" "	" "	" "	3	...	3
Amount of single-room accommodation	" "	" "	" "	62	40	102
Average number requiring single-room accommodation throughout the year	" "	" "	" "	65	43	108

Statistics.—During the past year 19 male and 10 female patients were admitted for the first time, and no patient was re-admitted; 2 males were transferred to other asylums, and 15 male and 5 female patients died in the institution. A magisterial inquiry was held in each case, and the causes of death were found to be of an ordinary nature.

Table II. shows that the percentage of those recovered is apparently very low, but it should be noticed that the corresponding percentages for the previous two years was exceedingly high. The death percentage is somewhat high, but this also is following a year which was exceptionally low.

The total number appearing on the asylum books on the 31st December, 1882, inclusive of those absent on trial, was 254 males and 190 females, as against 255 males and 188 females the previous year.

The Farm.—The year was very unfavorable for the supply of dairy produce, but nevertheless all the milk used in the establishment was supplied from the asylum farm. In order that this might be done, it was necessary to purchase a considerable quantity of food for the cows, otherwise the patients would have often been deprived of their rations of milk, as during some months of the year it would, I believe, have been impossible to procure that article by purchase.

There was a large increase in the quantity of pork, butter, and milk supplied as compared with the previous year.

The Garden.—There was a considerable decrease in the quantity of vegetables supplied from the gardens, and this is to be attributed to the unfavorable season. There was, however, an increased quantity of fruit produced.

Divine Services.—Divine Service was held regularly by the Church of England, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic clergymen, and the services were well attended by patients of the various denominations; frequent special visits to the sick have also been made by the different clergymen.

Amusements.—Some endeavour has been made to vary the ordinary recreation afforded the patients, for which purpose a pic-nic (provided by the residents of district and others) was organized, and was attended by a large number of patients, who mingled together in the various games and sports provided, and conducted themselves with the utmost propriety. Billiards, bowls, driving, and a variety of other

amusements which were taken part in had the effect of relieving the monotony of life of a number of patients from time to time.

Casualties.—Several casualties have been recorded in the book kept for that purpose. On the 14th July M. McQ., a female patient, was severely burnt, through her dress catching fire. On the 16th August J. W., a male patient, sustained a fracture of the right tibia from kick by a Chinese patient. On two occasions, viz., the 10th and 27th of September, female patient, E. B. E., aged 15 years, attempted suicide by strangulation; owing, however, to the vigilance of the attendants she did not injure herself, and afterwards made a fair recovery, and was able to leave the asylum.

On the 12th December male patient R. C. was found to have a fractured rib, caused by direct violence from another patient; in each case an inquiry was made into the circumstances, and blame was not attributed to any attendant; and no accident has been attended with fatal results.

General Remarks.—Some repairs have been effected which were urgently required, but I regret to state that many other repairs which have frequently been pointed out as necessary, and which, if allowed to remain, will eventually endanger life and limb, are permitted to accumulate and become gradually more serious, giving the building a neglected appearance, and increasing the expenditure, which must ultimately be made.

In some of the wards delf ware has been introduced in place of the ordinary pannikins and plates, which has been much appreciated, as shown by the great care bestowed, and the trifling breakage that has occurred. The same remark will apply to an endeavour which has been made to lessen the asylum-like appearance of the wards by the addition of a little cheap furniture, fittings, and pictures.

The ornamental grounds have been thoroughly taken in hand, with a view to increasing the picturesque aspect in front of the building and elsewhere.

FRED. DESHON,
Medical Superintendent.

INSPECTOR'S REPORTS.

24th March.—During yesterday and to-day I have made official inspection of this asylum.

There are now on the books 254 males and 186 females, total 440, or one more than at the date of the last visit.

The estimated accommodation is for 294 males and 190 females, total 484, so that there is room for 40 of the former and 4 of the latter class. The local admissions being very few, it will be convenient to fill up the vacancies by transfers from Yarra Bend or Kew, where the numbers are in excess of the space, and there is a constant accession of new cases.

The following are the changes since my last visit of the 9th December, 1881:—Five males have been admitted, and one female has returned from leave. One man and one woman were allowed on leave, and one man and one woman died.

In going through the rooms I found four men in bed, three of them on account of chronic disease and debility, and one suffering from pelvic abscess.

Every part of the establishment was admirably clean and neat, and the appearance of the patients was satisfactory in respect to dress, and they seemed contented, not one of them making any complaint to me, although they had ample opportunity of doing so. On inquiry I learned that 137 men and 98 women are employed, on an average, in various useful ways about the establishment.

The provisions in the kitchen were good, and I saw a well-cooked dinner served in a cleanly and orderly manner in many of the wards.

I found no reason to complain of the quality of any of the goods in store.

A variety of works, the necessity for which has been indicated in previous reports, are being carried out under contract, and I have examined and approved a schedule of further requirements to be submitted for execution in the forthcoming financial year.

The yield of produce from farm and gardens has been satisfactory, in spite of the long drought, but it has now become necessary to hand-feed the cattle, in consequence of the failure of grass.

With regard to amusements, I learned that the usual dance is regularly held and much enjoyed, and small parties are taken for a drive twice a week in suitable weather. A pic-nic, which is proposed for Easter week, seems to be looked forward to with pleasant anticipation.

I think the inner aspect of the asylum would be much improved by placing many more coloured pictures on the walls, and by furnishing a few of the smaller wards which are occupied by orderly patients with chairs, tables, washstands, toilet glasses, and carpets. This might be done to a limited extent for a very small outlay, and there can be no doubt that the little indulgence would be an incentive to good behaviour. It is also desirable to introduce earthenware in place of tin or enamelled iron for general use in many of the wards, especially those for sick and convalescent inmates; and I have requested that a supply may be asked for in the next half-yearly requisition.

In the absence of the medical superintendent, Dr. Watkins, who is now acting at the Sunbury Asylum, this institution is now in charge of Dr. Deshon, and I have pleasure in recording my opinion that its condition is creditable to him and to the staff under his control.

10th June.—Official inspection. Since my last visit (24th March) three male and two female patients have been admitted. One female has returned from leave, and one male and one female have died, leaving 255 males and 188 females on the books. In passing through the wards I found only two men and one woman in bed, and no one was in restraint or seclusion. The patients generally were free from excitement, and looked comfortable in dress and appearance. None of them made any complaint to me.

One of the dormitories in the female division has been much improved by the introduction of a little furniture of a better kind than that in general use, some inexpensive carpet, and a few simple toilet requisites. I am told that the patients who occupy this room appreciate the change very much, and I am satisfied that it might be gradually extended with great advantage.

The provisions which I saw cooked and ready to be served for dinner were of good quality, and I learned that fresh vegetables are issued, in addition to potatoes, several times a week.

Various repairs have lately been effected under contract, and minor works constantly afford occupation for patients, under the direction of the staff.

With regard to a suggestion recently made by the official visitors, that the room now used for receiving dirty clothes should be converted into an ironing room, I have made careful examination, and have come to the conclusion that the same space might, with a little management, be utilized for the double purpose, and I have accordingly requested the Medical Superintendent to make the experiment and report the result.

All the milk required for the establishment is supplied by the farm, but, in the present season, this is only accomplished by hand-feeding the cattle at a considerable expense.

The necessity of acquiring more land has long been felt, and it is now proposed to apply for the reservation of some suitable ground within an easy distance of the asylum.

The farm and gardens appear to be carefully worked, and yield a fair amount of produce.

There is nothing new to report in the way of occupation for patients, but they had a pleasant variation to their amusements recently, in the shape of a large pic-nic, in which many of the staff and inmates took part, and which appears to have afforded great enjoyment.

The official records have been seen and signed.

12th October.—Since my last visit (10th June), nine males and four females have been admitted, and ten males and two females have died, leaving now in the asylum 251 males and 190 females. There is room in the male division for 24 patients.

The mortality during the past four months has been considerably above the average, but the deaths have all arisen from ordinary and non-preventable causes. There have been several casualties, but none of a severe character, and on inquiry it appears that no blame is attached to any one in connexion with them. I found more patients than usual in bed, and one was suffering from inflammation and suppuration of the arm, resulting from a slight injury to one of her fingers while scrubbing a floor.

I found no reason to complain of the quality of any of the supplies except the bread, which is ill-made and insufficiently baked. I was informed that the contractor had been written to on the subject.

With regard to alterations at the laundry, suggested by the official visitors and referred to in my last report, Dr. Deshon informs me that the experiment of using the mangle room as an ironing room has been tried and has not proved satisfactory. It is, therefore, necessary to use the ironing room for its original purpose until funds are available on the Public Works vote for the construction of a new room.

The floor of the serving room at the kitchen and the staircase leading from it are in a dangerous state, and no time should be lost in effectually repairing them. A quantity of painting is required on the outside woodwork of the building, and must not be neglected if it is desired to preserve the material from decay.

The farm and garden have supplied, between 1st June and 30th September last, 10,488 lbs. vegetables, 68 doz. eggs, 436 lbs. butter, 1,654 lbs. pork, 254 lbs. veal, and 129 tons firewood.

Additional grazing land is greatly needed, and a dairy must be built if butter is to be made in the summer months.

Improvements are being carried out in the quadrangle of the female division, and it is proposed to make flower-beds on the lawn in front of the building to take the place of grass, which does not thrive well in this district.

The recent orders of admissions have been examined and the statutory records have been seen and signed.

14th December.—Since my visit of inspection in October, 9 patients have been admitted, 3 have been discharged, and 5 have died; 4 have been allowed on leave, and 2 have returned from the same, leaving now under care 439 patients, viz.:—251 males and 188 females, of whom 134 males and 95 females are employed in various ways.

There has been little sickness in the asylum, the patients are evidently well cared for, and the establishment is in excellent order. Efforts are still made to render some of the galleries and dormitories more cheerful and home-like by the introduction of better furniture and ornamental draperies of a simple kind. The effect upon the patients is undoubtedly beneficial, and I have advised the Medical Superintendent to extend the practice to a considerable extent.

I saw the dinner served in several of the wards, and was pleased to observe that white earthenware was being used in place of tin or enamelled iron ware at the tables. This is a great improvement, and might with advantage be gradually extended throughout the wards.

The reports of farm and garden operations are satisfactory, and a large quantity of produce is sent to store every week.

It is probable that additional funds will shortly be provided on the Public Works vote, by means of which it will be possible to execute certain urgent repairs, but the larger works must necessarily stand over until the next financial year.

The provisions and stores which I examined were of satisfactory quality, except the bread which was certainly not in accordance with contract. As repeated complaints have been made to the contractor, without avail, I have suggested that he be warned of his liability to be fined by the Tender Board unless he makes satisfactory supply. The contractor for potatoes has lately failed to fulfil his orders, and it has been always difficult, sometimes impossible, to make purchase at his risk. When potatoes could not be obtained, rice or bread have been issued in lieu of them. It is evident, however, that this unsatisfactory state of things must be quickly brought to an end, and I have accordingly referred the question as to how the contractor should be dealt with for the consideration of the Tender Board.

The recent orders of admission have been examined and found correct, and the statutory books have been seen and signed.

In conclusion, I have much pleasure in recording my opinion that the present condition of this institution is very creditable to the Medical Superintendent, and to those who are associated with him in its management.

APPENDIX E.

LUNATIC ASYLUM, SUNBURY.

TABLE I.—Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1882.

										Males.	Females.	Total.
In the asylum on 1st January, 1882 ...										227	258	485
										Males. Females. Total.		
Admitted for the first time ...										...	...	...
Re-admitted ...										...	...	...
Transferred during the year ...										11	38	49
Retaken ...										2	...	2
Total admitted ...										13	38	51
Total under care during the year ...										240	296	536
Discharged, removed, &c. :—										Males. Females. Total.		
Recovered ...										1	3	4
Improved ...										...	...	...
Transferred ...										6	6	12
Escaped ...										4	1	5
Died ...										5	5	10
Total discharged, died, &c., during the year ...										16	15	31
Remaining in the asylum on the 31st December, 1882 (inclusive of absent on trial, males and females) ...										224	281	505
Average numbers resident during the year ...										225	263	488

TABLE II.—Showing the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths, with the Mean Annual Mortality and Proportion of Recoveries, &c., per Cent. on the Admissions, for the Years 1877 to 1882.

Year.	Admitted.			Discharged.									Died.			Remaining on the 31st December in each Year.			Average Numbers Resident.			Percentage of Cases Recovered and Relieved on Admissions.			Percentage of Deaths on the Average Numbers Resident.				
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Recovered.			Relieved.			Transferred.			Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.		
				Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.																	
1877	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	20	21	41	12	11	23	...	...	...	...	...	...
1878	1	1	2	...	...	...	5	49	54	10	2	12	136	...	136	81	34	115	...	...	...	12.34	5.88	10.43		
1879	5	...	5	1	...	1	1	...	1	5	...	5	189	20	209	127	...	127	3.93	...	3.93	
1880	1	1	2	6	2	8	16	1	17	224	254	478	206	138	345	7.76	0.72	4.92
1881	1	5	6	1	...	1	6	5	11	8	5	13	227	258	485	224	255	480	3.57	1.96	2.70
1882	1	3	4	6	6	12	5	5	10	224	281	505	225	263	488	2.22	1.90	2.04

TABLE III.—Showing the Causes of Death during the Year 1882.

Cause of Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Cerebral or spinal diseases :—			
Epilepsy and convulsions'	1	...	1
Inflammation and other diseases of the brain, softening, tumours, &c.	2	2	4
Thoracic diseases :—			
Inflammation of the lungs, pleuræ, and bronchi	1	1	2
Pulmonary consumption	1	1	2
Abdominal diseases :—			
Dysentery and diarrhœa ... ..	...	1	1
Total	5	5	10

TABLE IV.—Showing the Length of Residence of those Discharged Recovered, and of those who have Died during the Year 1882.

Length of Residence.	Recovered.			Died.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 1 month
From 1 to 3 months	1	1	...	...	...
" 3 " 6 "
" 6 " 9 "
" 9 " 12 "
" 1 " 2 years	3	1	4
" 2 " 3 "	1	2	3	2	4	6
" 3 " 5 "
" 5 " 7 "
" 7 " 10 "
" 10 " 12 "
" 12 " 15 "
Over 15 years
Total	1	3	4	5	5	10

TABLE V.—Showing the Ages of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1882.

Ages.	Admissions.			Discharges.						Deaths.		
	Transfers.			Recovered.			Removed, Relieved or otherwise.					
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
From 5 to 10 years ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 10 " 15 " ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 15 " 20 " ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1
" 20 " 30 "	3	1	4	...	...	...	3	...	3	1	1	2
" 30 " 40 "	3	10	13	...	1	1	4	2	6	1	1	2
" 40 " 50 "	5	10	15	...	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2
" 50 " 60 "	1	10	11	1	1	2	1	2	3	...	...	...
" 60 " 70 " ... ..	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
" 70 " 80 "	1	1	1	...	1
" 80 " 90 "	1	1
" 90 and upwards
Unknown	1	3	4	1	1	...	1	1
Total	13	38	51	1	3	4	10	7	17	5	5	10

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TABLE VI.—FARM ACCOUNT.

Cr.

—	At per	Rate.	Amount.	—	At per	Rate.	Amount.
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
To Wages—				By 1,922 lbs. pork ...	lb.	/2	16 0 4
Farm bailiff ...	annum	£120	120 0 0	2,639 " " ...	"	/2 ⁷ / ₅	25 1 4
Carters ...	"	£60	60 0 0	1,804 " beef ...	"	/2 ⁷ / ₅	17 2 9
Warders ...	"	"	28 1 1	574 " veal ...	"	/2 ⁷ / ₅	5 9 0
Allowances—				19 " suet ...	"	/4 ¹ / ₂	0 7 1
Rations to three persons ...	"	"	39 14 3	53 " butter ...	"	/8	1 15 4
Fuel, light, and water ...	"	"	20 14 0	1,392 " " ...	"	/10 ³ / ₄	62 7 0
Purchase of—				28 ¹ / ₂ doz. eggs ...	"	1/9	2 10 5
Seeds ...	"	"	17 15 8	44,419 qts. milk ...	qts.	/3	555 4 9
Implements, tools, and shoeing ...	"	"	35 11 3	17,655 lbs. potatoes	cental	4/2 ¹ / ₂	37 2 11
Stock ...	"	"	121 15 0	Sales of horse and hides ...	"	"	16 4 2
Fuel, light, and water (farm buildings) ...	"	"	10 12 0	Work done unconnected with the farm			
Repairs to farm implements ...	"	"	4 0 0	290 days' labour carter and horse	diem	10/	145 0 0
Incidentals ...	"	"	12 0 0	Grazing cattle—			
Forage for horses ...	"	"	45 5 10	For Yarra Bend, average 30 head	each	20/	30 0 0
Rent—				For Kew, average 49 head ...	"	20/	49 0 0
1,025 acres ...	acre	3/	153 15 0	Work of one horse in waggonette for 150 days ...	diem	5/	37 10 0
Labour, average 6 persons for 313 days	diem	1/6	140 17 0	Fodder grown and consumed—			
Labour, average 4 persons for 365 days	"	1/6	109 10 0	45 tons hay (oaten)	ton	67/2	151 2 6
Fodder grown and consumed ...	"	"	205 1 2	13 " " grass	"	67/2	43 13 2
Balance (profit) ...	"	"	81 4 0	2 " " straw	"	72/9	7 5 6
				4 " green food	"	15/	3 0 0
Total ...	"	"	£1,205 16 3	Total ...	"	"	£1,205 16 3

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TABLE VII.—GARDEN ACCOUNT.

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—	At per	Rate.	Amount.	—	At per	Rate.	Amount.
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
To Wages—				By 204 lbs. beans broad			
Warders ...	"	"	42 4 5	94 " " french			
Labour, average 15 persons for 208 days	diem	1/6	234 0 0	1,883 " beet, silver			
Rent 3 ¹ / ₂ acres ...	acre	40/	7 0 0	31,139 " cabbages			
" 3 " ...	"	20/	3 0 0	58 " celery			
Purchase of seeds ...	"	"	4 1 9	35 " cress			
Incidentals ...	"	"	4 10 0	1,289 " cauliflowers			
				2,133 " lettuces			
				325 " marrows			
				1,110 " onions			
				1,776 " pease			
				1,191 " pumpkins			
				366 " parsley			
				2,635 " radishes			
				1,392 " turnips			
				45,630 " vegetables	lb.	1d.	190 2 6
				Balance (loss) ...	"	"	104 13 8
Total ...	"	"	£294 16 2	Total ...	"	"	£294 16 2

TABLE VIII.—Showing the Number of Articles Made up and Repaired by Male and Female Patients.

Males.			Females.		
Articles.	Made up. No.	Repaired. No.	Articles.	Made up. No.	Repaired. No.
Coats ...	...	646	Bonnets, sun ...	352	5,498
Dresses, canvas ...	...	163	Chemises, cotton ...	450	5,837
Trousers ...	...	977	„ flannel ...	213	2,495
Shirts, cotton ...	...	526	Petticoats, cotton ...	...	2,570
„ serge ...	...	135	„ flannel ...	166	2,951
Vests, flannel ...	...	221	Dresses ...	538	4,474
Waistcoats ...	...	437	„ canvas ...	...	338
Boots, pairs ...	...	287	Stockings, pairs ...	...	8,028
Straps and buckles ...	...	32	Blankets ...	...	277
Leggings, leather, pairs ...	...	8	Pillow slips ...	279	1,084
Gloves „ „ ...	...	2	Sheets ...	438	2,612
Engine belts ...	...	1	Ticks, bed ...	...	555
Harness „ ...	...	1	Cloths, table ...	...	527
Funnels ...	...	4	Shirts, cotton... ..	236	4,284
Domestics ...	...	236	Socks, pairs ...	...	5,302
Buckets, closet ...	...	2	Trousers ...	...	2,278
Lamps ...	...	4	Coats ...	...	1,637
Dippers ...	...	6	Waistcoats ...	...	1,597
Dishes ...	...	26	Shirts, serge ...	45	202
Buckets ...	...	18	Vests, flannel... ..	115	313
Pint pots ...	...	318	Towels ...	...	48
Cans, tea ...	...	24	Rugs, woollen ...	...	293
„ soup ...	...	10	Ticks, pillow ...	...	167
Covers, dish ...	...	1	Shawls ...	...	216
Pans, dust ...	...	1	Jackets, wool... ..	...	144
Pots, tea ...	...	3	Caps, canvas ...	13	11
Shears ...	...	1	Stays, pairs ...	...	12
Tins, baking ...	...	5	Gowns, night... ..	...	7
Cans, watering ...	...	7	Curtains ...	...	4
Pots, coffee ...	...	3	Drawers, flannel ...	25	110
Pails, slop ...	...	1	Shrouds ...	5	...
Baths ...	...	1	Covers, vehicle ...	3	...
Cans, milk ...	...	3	Screens, verandah ...	2	...
Skimmers, milk... ..	...	2	Blinds, holland ...	23	...
Dishes „ „ ...	...	2	Pillow cases ...	8	...
Lanterns, stable... ..	2	...	Gloves, canvas ...	3	...
Ladles ...	2	...			
Pots, glue ...	1	...			
Cans, watering ...	2	...			
Dipper ...	1	...			
Domestics ...	1	...			
Tanks, kerosene ...	1	...			
Gloves, leather, pairs ...	4	...			
Mattresses, hair ...	7	...			
Pillows „ „ ...	28	...			
Tables, deal ...	1	...			
Commodos ...	1	...			
Chests, medicine ...	2	...			
Stands, music ...	3	...			
Boards, butter ...	1	...			

TABLE IX.—Showing the Average Numbers of Patients Employed, Attending Amusements, and Divine Service.

Occupation.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Occupation.	Males.	Females.	Total
Farm and gardens ...	44	...	44	Taking part in amusements consisting of dancing, football, walking, read- ing, draughts, cards, &c.	130	160	290
Out-doors work (exclusive of farm and garden) ...	30	...	30				
In-door work (wards, &c.) ...	30	80	110				
„ workshops ...	9	...	9				
„ kitchens ...	4	...	4				
„ store ...	1	...	1				
„ servants ...	10	1	11				
„ laundry ...	...	30	30			
„ sewing-room ...	...	50	50			
„ fancy work ...	...	10	10			
Total ...	128	171	299	Attending Divine Service	140	170	310

TABLE X.—STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of lunatics supposed curable on 31st December, 1882	...	...	...
" epileptic	6	13	19
" harmless imbeciles	148	146	294
" idiots (adults)	14	7	21
" " children under 15 years	...	...	...
" Chinese	12	...	12
Condition as to marriage of those transferred during the year—			
Single	8	14	22
Married	1	13	14
Widowed	...	9	9
Unknown	2	2	4
Number of lunatics who have been removed on probation during the year	2	8	10
" " recovered while on probation	1	1	2
" " been removed on bond	...	...	...
" sent to asylum by their friends	...	...	...
" sent by police	...	...	...
" received from asylums	11	38	49
Amount of single-room accommodation throughout the year	12	16	28

Statistics.—The number of patients in the asylum on the 1st January, 1882, was 485, viz., 227 males and 258 females, consisting of harmless imbeciles 294, epileptic 19, idiots 21, Chinese 12, and 139 chronic maniacs; all of these are apparently incurable cases. During the year 1 male and 3 females were discharged, and 2 males and 8 females were allowed out on probation with their friends; 49 patients were received from other asylums, and 12 were transferred from here on account of their unsuitableness for an asylum intended merely as this one is for harmless imbeciles. The death rate was very low, and shows a decrease on former years, being 2·04 on the average numbers resident, viz., 488; this, considering the class of patients, should I think be deemed satisfactory. The causes of death, being of the ordinary character, call for no special remarks, most of them having been chronic inmates of other asylums prior to their admission here. No contagious disease occurred, and the general health of the patients was good. One very severe case of dysentery took place, but happily terminated in recovery.

Casualties.—The following casualties are recorded:—On 25th July J.R., a female dement, fractured her right fibula from slipping on the verandah. No blame was attached to the warders concerned, but the floors of the verandahs being of wooden battens, and slippery in wet weather, were recommended to be replaced by asphalt. On the 17th October, H.W., a Chinese patient, was stabbed in the head with a digging fork by A.Y., another Chinese inmate. The senior warder having disobeyed orders in sending the patient A.Y. to work, was suspended from duty and reported to the Government, who punished him by reducing him from senior to an ordinary warder and by a fine of £10, afterwards altering the punishment to the fine alone. On the 21st October A.A. received a dislocation of the right humerus, believed to have been accidentally done whilst in his bath. The official visitors were appointed a board to inquire into this case, and after investigation attached no blame to any of the warders. On the 11th December J.D., an idiot, dislocated his right humerus whilst quarrelling with H., another inmate, in a dormitory, at night. On inquiry no blame was attached to those in charge.

Seclusion.—Seclusion and restraint have been moderate, and used only when absolutely necessary, such as for sudden maniacal outbreaks, surgical purposes, and more or less continued destruction of clothing.

Divine Service.—Divine services have been held on alternate Thursdays by the Church of England chaplain, and once a month by the Presbyterian and Roman Catholic clergymen. About 310 patients generally attend these services, each of these gentlemen also frequently visit the wards. It is proposed to hold a service occasionally on Sundays instead of the present plan on working days, which, for obvious reasons would be more suitable.

Amusements.—The amusements principally consist of reading, draughts, cards, football and walks in the asylum grounds, as well as to any sports in the village. A concert was kindly given by some amateurs during the year to the inmates; and the proprietor of a travelling circus, when visiting Sunbury, very generously issued passes for about 25 patients to witness the performance. These treats, I need hardly say afforded them great satisfaction. It is proposed when the staff is increased to allow some of the patients an occasional drive in the waggonette, which will no doubt be a source of pleasure to them. Whilst dealing with the subject of amusements, I would strongly point out, as proposed by Dr. Dick, the present Inspector of Asylums, in his report on the Kew Asylum for 1881, the desirability of relaxing the order prohibiting the use of money for amusements outside the asylum. I am frequently asked by the hard-working patients to allow them a trip to Melbourne for a day, accompanied by an attendant, to see their friends, and when informed that there is no money allowed for such a purpose, they naturally feel very much aggrieved and remark that the amount of work they do entitles them to such a relaxation. I feel assured that a small sum of money allotted for such a purpose would indeed be greatly appreciated by these constant workers, and be at least a welcome break in the monotony of their lives. In New South Wales liberal money allowances are placed at the disposal of the respective Superintendents of asylums for like purposes.

The monthly dances are well attended and seem to be much enjoyed. A fair supply of books have been obtained for the wards, as also a pretty full and regular supply of periodicals and illustrated papers.

Buildings.—The various wards are in fair order and repair. Some sculleries have been erected on the outside of each male ward, which were very necessary; and it is to be hoped similar ones will be built on the female division at an early date. The exercise yards are in urgent need of gravelling, as they are very

muddy in winter months, thereby soiling the patients' dress. The laundry stands badly in need of some repairs and additions. The completion of the new drying ground is also required, so as to enable the removal of the very objectionable one within the walls. There are still some underground tanks in the yards which require repairs before the water supply will be satisfactory. The drainage of the buildings has not been in a proper state, the main drain being in a deplorable condition. However, some steps are, I am glad to say, being taken to rectify it; still, the drainage on the female side and male hospital are in urgent want of completion, both for the health and safety of the parties living near.

The following works, in my opinion, are absolutely necessary, and should be undertaken with as little delay as possible, viz.:—Erection of quarters for steward; erection of quarters for farm bailiff, or repairs to present ones; erection of dairy and piggeries; laying down floor for cow-yard; erection and repairs in connexion with the boundary fence. I have, on former occasions, asked for these works, and I here again beg to do so.

The kitchen I regret to point out is still in want of the additions and cleansing asked for some time ago.

The Farm.—The farm has been very productive, and shows a profit on the working (as will be seen by the tables) of £81 4s. A great increase is noticeable in the yield of milk, butter, and pork, and if a suitable dairy were erected, the supply of butter would be greatly augmented. Ten cows were purchased during the year, 22 heifers and calves, and 30 pigs, were bred on the farm and have been added to the stock.

Gardens.—The yield of vegetables was nearly double that of the previous year. Ground for a second garden, containing about 7 acres, has been fenced, of which say 3 acres, have been worked so far. Endeavours are being made to cultivate fruit and vines. An orchard will be proceeded with as soon as possible. A large amount of tree planting has been carried out, as likewise other works in connexion with the ornamental grounds.

The Staff.—The staff stands in need of some reorganization, and is hardly sufficient in numbers for the proper and efficient working of the place, but as I have reported on this subject before, I need not enter further into this matter here, except to repeat my opinion, now fortified by 18 months' experience, that the immediate appointment of a matron and head-warder is for many reasons absolutely necessary. It is a matter, I think, for serious regret that in this colony, as yet, the power of appointing and dismissal of warders does not rest with the Superintendents, and I beg to add, that until such power is vested in their hands, the asylums cannot be managed efficiently or satisfactorily.

General Remarks.—The returns show an increase on the previous year in the number of articles manufactured and repaired, besides a large amount of glazing, repairs to furniture, &c., but which do not appear in the tables furnished. A large number of patients have been regularly employed in carrying out the various works, both with benefit to themselves and profit to the asylum.

Inspection.—Drs. Barker and Youl, the official visitors, have inspected the asylum frequently, and once a quarter meet for a general inspection and muster of patients.

The Inspector of Asylums visited this asylum on two occasions, viz., the 7th and 29th of June.

The food supplies were of fair quality.

W. L. WATKINS,
Medical Superintendent.

APPENDIX F.

BENDIGO GOLD DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

TABLE I.—Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1882, in the LUNACY WARD.

							Males.	Females.	Total.
In the ward on 1st January, 1882	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Admitted for the first time	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	8	23
Re-admitted	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Transferred during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Retaken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total admitted	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	8	23
Total under care during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	9	25
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Discharged, removed, &c. :—	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	2	13
Recovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Transferred	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	10
Escaped	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Died	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Total discharged, died, &c., during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	8	24
Remaining in the ward on the 31st December, 1882 (inclusive of absent on trial, males and females)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1

CASTLEMAINE DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

TABLE II.—Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1882, in the LUNACY WARD.

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GEE LONG INFIRMARY AND BENEVOLENT ASYLUM.

TABLE III.—Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1882, in the LUNACY WARD.

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Total discharged, died, &c., during the year							19	7	26																		
Remaining in the ward on the 31st December, 1882 (inclusive of absent on trial, males and females)																		

APPENDIX G.

TABLE showing the Number of Patients Visited and the Number of Miles Travelled by the Inspector of Lunatic Asylums during the Year 1882.

Place and Date of Visit.	Number of Patients on Day of Visit.		Number of Miles Travelled.		Place and Date of Visit.	Number of Patients on Day of Visit.		Number of Miles Travelled.	
	Number.	Total.	Number.	Total.		Number.	Total.	Number.	Total.
Yarra Bend Asylum.*					Beechworth Asylum :				
Kew Asylum :					23rd March	440		355	
20th January ...	797		2		10th June	443		355	
16th March	804		2		12th October	441		355	
28th March	797		2		14th December	439	1,763	355	1,420
20th April	793		2		Sunbury Asylum :				
15th May	798		2		7th June	497		59½	
19th May	795		2		29th June	493	990	59½	119
2nd June	778		2		Cremorne Asylum :				
5th July	781		2		13th March	16		6	
16th November	789	7,132	2	18	27th June	23		6	
Ararat Asylum :					22nd November	15	54	6	18
10th March	410		328		Total ... ..	...	11,169	...	2,559
23rd June	414		328						
6th October	406	1,230	328	984					

* Visited by a Board of Official Visitors consisting of—Dr. Barker, Chairman; Drs. Youl, Campbell, and Iflla; and Messrs. Dixon and Mason, M.L.A.

APPENDIX H.

LICENSED HOUSE FOR THE INSANE, CREMORNE.

TABLE I.—Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1882.

							Males.	Females.	Total.
In the house on 1st January, 1882	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	7	13
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Admitted for the first time	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	16	38
Re-admitted	...	...	...	...	...	...	59	2	61
Transferred during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Retaken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total admitted	...	...	...	...	...	...	81	18	99
Total under care during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	87	25	112
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Discharged, removed, &c. :—	...	...	...	...	...	...	77	13	90
Recovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2
Improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Transferred	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Escaped	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Died	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total discharged, died, &c., during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	78	16	94
Remaining in the house on the 31st December, 1882 (inclusive of absent on trial, males and females)	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	9	18
Average numbers resident during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	8	16

TABLE II.—Showing the Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths, with the Mean Annual Mortality and Proportion of Recoveries, &c., per Cent. on the Admissions, for the Years 1867 to 1882.

Year.	Admitted.			Discharged.									Died.			Remaining on the 31st December in each Year.			Average Numbers Resident.			Percentage of Cases Recovered and Relieved on Admissions.			Percentage of Deaths on the Average Numbers Resident.					
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Recovered.			Relieved.			Transferred.			Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
				Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.																		
1867	3	4	7	3	2	5	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	5	73	78	6	73	79	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1868	25	10	35	22	6	28	3	20	23	..	51	51	..	5	5	10	5	5	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1869	33	20	53	23	15	38	1	1	2	3	..	..	..	7	8	15	7	7	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1870	36	15	51	25	14	39	2	..	2	4	..	..	..	10	7	17	8	7	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1871	37	7	44	28	6	34	4	..	4	5	..	..	..	7	8	15	8	7	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1872	35	12	47	25	11	36	2	..	2	4	..	..	..	10	8	18	7	7	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1873	29	6	35	26	8	34	4	1	5	..	..	..	..	8	4	12	8	6	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1874	41	15	56	41	8	49	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	7	9	16	6	6	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1875	25	12	37	19	9	28	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	10	9	19	7	7	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1876	36	12	48	32	10	42	5	1	6	2	..	..	..	9	10	19	9	8	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1877	39	10	49	29	6	35	4	..	4	1	..	..	..	14	12	26	10	11	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1878	44	8	52	42	5	47	5	2	7	3	..	..	..	8	11	19	10	10	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1879	59	17	76	49	13	62	3	2	5	3	..	..	..	11	11	22	9	11	20	88.14	88.24	88.16	11.11	..	..	..	..	..	..
1880	56	10	66	53	10	63	1	3	4	1	..	..	..	5	14	19	6	6	12	96.42	130.00	101.51	33.33	..	..	..	..	..	..
1881	71	13	84	72	8	80	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	6	7	13	6	15	21	101.40	69.23	96.42	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1882	81	18	99	77	13	90	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	9	9	18	8	8	16	95.06	83.33	92.92	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

TABLE III.—Showing the Length of Residence of those Discharged Recovered and of those who have Died during the Year 1882.

Length of Residence.	Recovered.			Died.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 1 month	72	9	81	..	..	..
From 1 to 3 months	4	..	4	..	..	..
" 3 " 6 "	1	..	1	..	..	..
" 6 " 9 "	..	3	3	..	..	..
" 9 " 12 "	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 1 " 2 years	..	1	1	..	..	..
" 2 " 3 "	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 3 " 5 "	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 5 " 7 "	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 7 " 10 "	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 10 " 12 "	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 12 " 15 "	..	..	..	..	..	..
Over 15 years	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	77	13	90	..	..	..

TABLE IV.—Showing the Ages of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1882.

Ages.	Admissions.			Discharges.						Deaths.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Recovered.			Removed, Relieved or otherwise.			Males.	Females.	Total.
				Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.			
From 5 to 10 years	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 10 " 15 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 15 " 20 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 20 " 30 "	..	5	5	..	3	3	..	2	2	..	..	..
" 30 " 40 "	25	7	32	25	5	30	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 40 " 50 "	17	2	19	17	2	19	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 50 " 60 "	25	1	26	24	..	24	..	1	1	..	..	..
" 60 " 70 "	14	3	17	11	3	14	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 70 " 80 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 80 " 90 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
90 and upwards	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Unknown	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	81	18	99	77	13	90	1	3	4	..	..	..