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INSPECTOR OF LUNATIC ASYLUMS

ON

THE HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER

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DEPARTMENT OF HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE,

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SIR,

In accordance with the provisions of the 56th section of the Lunacy Statute, No. 309, I have the honor 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 1881.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

E. PALEY,

Inspector of Lunatic Asylums.

The Honorable the Chief Secretary.

R E P O R T.

ON the 1st January there were 1,593 men and 1,210 women under care in the public asylums, 116 men and 129 women absent on trial, 9 men and 5 women on the books of the licensed house at Cremorne, and 3 men in the lunacy wards attached to public hospitals—a total of 3,065. During the year permanent additions were made to the numbers in the public asylums of 46 men and 34 women, giving under care on the 31st December 1,639 men and 1,244 women. Further additions to the numbers on leave from these establishments have also been made of 7 men and 28 women, showing a total increase on the books of 115—53 men and 62 women. A reduction of one has taken place at Cremorne, and the numbers in the lunacy wards remain the same. This gives a total increase of insane persons in the colony for the year of 114—48 men and 66 women—the numbers on the 31st December being 1,769 men and 1,410 women, a total of 3,179. The following tables give particulars of the various changes that have taken place in the numbers in all public establishments for the year, No. 1 showing the distribution of the insane on the 31st December :—

TABLE I.—Showing Distribution on 31st December 1881.

							Males.	Females.	Total.
In the public lunatic asylums at—									
Yarra Bend	...	...	...	...	...	492	267	759
Kew	...	...	...	...	...	449	347	796
Ararat	...	...	...	...	...	220	189	409
Beechworth	...	...	...	...	...	254	187	441
Sunbury	...	...	...	...	...	224	254	478
Out on probation from—									
Yarra Bend	...	...	...	...	...	42	65	107
Kew	...	...	...	...	...	66	76	142
Ararat	...	...	...	...	...	11	11	22
Beechworth	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Sunbury	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	7
Total number of registered lunatics in public asylums							1,762	1,401	3,163
In Cremorne Licensed House							6	7	13
In Lunacy Ward, Bendigo Hospital							1	1	2
”	”	Castlemaine Hospital				...	1	1	
”	”	Geelong Infirmary				...	...	...
Total number of registered lunatics in the colony							1,769	1,410	3,179

TABLE II.—Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1881 in Public Lunatic Asylums.

							Males.	Females.	Total.
In the asylums on 1st January 1881							1,709	1,339	3,048
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Admitted	...	}	For the first time	...	...	288	209	497	
				Re-admitted	...	...	18	29	47
Transferred during the year							28	30	58
Retaken							16	2	18
Total admitted							350	270	620
Total under care during the year							2,059	1,609	3,668
Discharged, removed, &c. :—							Males.	Females.	Total.
Recovered							102	103	205
Improved							12	5	17
Not improved							...	1	1
Transferred							26	29	55
Escaped							22	3	25
Died							135	67	202
Total discharged, died, &c., during the year							297	208	505
Remaining in the asylums on the 31st December 1881 (inclusive of absent on trial, males and females)							1,762	1,401	3,163
Average numbers resident during the year							1,628	1,236	2,865

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 1881, in Public Lunatic Asylums.

Year.	Admitted.			Discharged.									Died.			Remaining on the 31st Decembe 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.
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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	90	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	212	530	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

TABLE IV.—Showing the Causes of Death in Public Lunatic Asylums during the Year 1881.

Cause of Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Cerebral or spinal diseases :—			
Apoplexy and paralysis	12	4	16
Epilepsy and convulsions	2	...	2
General paresis	6	...	6
Inflammation and other diseases of the brain, softening, tumors, &c.	50	31	81
Thoracic diseases :—			
Inflammation of the lungs, pleuræ, and bronchi	20	4	24
Pulmonary consumption	8	14	22
Disease of the heart	7	7	14
Abdominal diseases :—			
Inflammation and ulceration of the stomach, intestines, or peritoneum	4	2	6
Dysentery and diarrhœa	7	...	7
Hydatid cyst of the liver	...	1	1
Pelvic abscess	1	...	1
Bright's disease	1	...	1
Exhaustion arising from hydatid disease	1	...	1
Erysipelas	1	...	1
Cancer	3	2	5
General debility and old age	4	2	6
Accidents	1	...	1
Suicide	1	...	1
Died while on leave	6	...	6
Total	135	67	202

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 1881.

Length of Residence.	Recovered.			Died.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 1 month	6	5	11	4	5	9
From 1 to 3 months	25	12	37	12	4	16
" 3 " 6 "	18	25	43	13	5	18
" 6 " 9 "	18	14	32	12	6	18
" 9 " 12 "	7	14	21	19	6	25
" 1 " 2 years	16	19	35	27	11	38
" 2 " 3 "	7	4	11	14	12	26
" 3 " 5 "	4	7	11	11	9	20
" 5 " 7 " ... ..	...	...	...	11	5	16
" 7 " 10 " ... ..	...	1	1	6	3	9
" 10 " 12 "	1	1	2	4	1	5
" 12 " 15 " ... ..	...	1	1	2	...	2
Over 15 years ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	102	103	205	135	67	202

TABLE VI.—Showing the Ages of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1881 in the Public Lunatic Asylums.

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	5	6	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...
" 10 " 15 "	4	5	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
" 15 " 20 "	17	22	39	7	7	14	2	2	4	4	2	6
" 20 " 30 "	68	67	135	13	31	44	13	9	22	10	8	18
" 30 " 40 "	53	63	116	19	29	48	18	13	31	15	7	22
" 40 " 50 "	91	48	139	28	16	44	14	5	19	33	11	44
" 50 " 60 "	53	30	83	20	7	27	7	3	10	31	13	44
" 60 " 70 "	29	13	42	8	2	10	1	1	2	12	6	18
" 70 " 80 "	11	1	12	3	...	3	...	3	3	9	6	15
" 80 " 90 "	1	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	5	8
" 90 and upwards ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unknown	22	13	35	4	10	14	5	1	6	18	8	26
Total	350	270	620	102	103	205	60	38	98	135	67	202

TABLE VII.—Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1881 in the Lunacy Wards.

	Males.	Females.	Total.																																
In the wards on 1st January 1881	3	...	3																																
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Public Asylums, Admissions.—On the 1st January there were 3,048 insane persons registered on the books, 245 of this number being on leave. 497 new patients were received in the twelve months, 288 men and 209 women; 47 were re-admitted, 18 men and 29 women; 18 who escaped were retaken; and 58—28 men and 30 women—were received, transferred from other asylums. This gives the total admissions 620—350 men and 270 women, and under care 3,668—2,059 men and 1,609 women. In the Table No. II. of the preceding year the total number under care is given as 3,889, so that in the present year there is apparently a large reduction in the number of persons who became asylum inmates as compared with the year 1880. This, however, is not the case, as both returns show the admissions including transfers, and escaped patients who were retaken; omitting these, the numbers are 3,549 for 1880 and 3,592 for 1881, or an actual increase of 43 in 1881. The total admissions and re-admissions—544—is only slightly different from the previous year, when it was 547, and the increased total remaining will be found by examination of Table III. due to the lesser number of recoveries and of deaths, which also give for the present year slightly lower ratios per cent. in calculations on the admissions and daily average numbers resident.

Discharges.—Out of 3,668 patients the total under care, 205—102 men and 103 women—were discharged recovered; 17 improved, 12 men and 5 women; 1 woman not improved; 55 were transferred, 26 men and 29 women; 25 escaped, 22 men and 3 women; and 202 died, 135 men and 67 women. The total number discharged is 505, 297 men and 208 women, leaving 3,163—1,762 men and 1,401 women—on the registers on the 31st December. The number of stated recoveries—205—is equal to 37·68 per cent. on the 544 admissions and re-admissions, a ratio very much below that of the year 1880, when it was 49·36 in each 100, and I also find by reference to the English Commissioners' Thirty-fifth Report, page 25, that it is a somewhat lower ratio than they quote for the year 1880, viz., 40·29 in each 100. The number of deaths that occurred in the asylums was 196—129 men and 67 women—and 6 men died while on leave with their friends, making a total of 202 out of a daily average of 2,865 resident or 3,668 under care, the proportion on the former number being 7·05 per 100, and on the latter 5·50. The corresponding numbers for 1880 are 7·86 and 5·68 per 100, and in the English Asylums for the same year (Thirty-fifth Report, page 27), 9·08 and 7·02 in each hundred.

Numbers Remaining.—On the 31st December, including those on trial, there were 3,163 registered lunatics in public asylums, and 16 in Cremorne and the lunacy wards of public hospitals, a total of 3,179, a number equal to 3·60 in each 1,000 of the population of Victoria, estimated to be 882,193 at the end of the year. In 1880 the proportion was 3·31 per 1,000, and in England for this year it is 2·83 in each 1,000.

Accommodation.—The total number of patients that can be accommodated in the 5 public lunatic asylums is 2,928—1,674 men and 1,254 women, and as there were under care on the 31st December 1,639 men and 1,244 women, there is only available space for 35 additional male and 10 female patients, and it now becomes a matter of serious importance to take immediate steps to provide further accommodation for future increase in the insane. My previous reports contain recommendations respecting this matter, that I now beg to repeat, viz.:—(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.

The total number of persons who were on trial at the beginning of the year was 245 (116 men and 129 women), and on the 31st December that number had been increased by 35 (7 men and 28 women).

Cost of Maintenance.—The total cost of maintenance and general expenses this year is £83,489 12s. 10d. for an average of 2,865 patients under care, a reduction of £3,727 11s. 11d. on the previous year, when the cost and general expenses amounted to £87,217 4s. 9d. for an average of 2,810 patients. The items upon which

increase and reduction have been made, showing the amount in each instance, are given below, viz. :—

Increase.	Amount.	Reduction.	Amount.
Allowance to Stewards ...	£ s. d. 35 0 0	Salaries Fees to Official Visitors ... Allowance to Chaplains ... Provisions, &c. Clothing, &c. Stores, &c. Fuel, Light, and Water ... Medicines Forage Incidentals	£ s. d. 840 14 2 46 17 0 32 7 11 1,368 2 10 121 9 10 410 17 7 317 1 11 227 16 6 62 18 3 334 5 11
		Total Less Increase by Stewards ...	3,762 11 11 35 0 0
		Total Reduction	3,727 11 11

The general expenses for inspector's office and official visitation of asylums have been increased by £7 8s. 1d. In 1880 the amount was £1,509 1s. 5d., and this year it is £1,516 9s. 6d. The Master-in-Lunacy's collections for maintenance amount to £4,733 1s. 3d., an increase on the previous year of £543 19s. All other collections from fines, fees, and sale of government property, amount to £586 7s. 5d. The average weekly cost of maintenance over all asylums, after deducting the collections by the Master-in-Lunacy, is 10s. 4½d. per patient, a reduction of 9½d. per week on the maintenance rate in 1880, when it was 11s. 2d. The three following tables, Nos. VIII., IX., and X., furnish the usual information in relation to the cost of maintenance :—

TABLE VIII.—Showing the Total Receipts and Expenditure of the Department of Hospitals for the Insane during the Year 1881.

<i>Receipts.</i>							£	s.	d.
Collections made by the Master-in-Lunacy for maintenance of patients at—									
Yarra Bend Lunatic Asylum	...	...	...	...	...	1,926	9	3
Kew	„	...	...	...	...	1,599	4	10
Ararat	„	419	12	4	
Beechworth	„	373	8	6	
Sunbury	„	414	6	4	
Amount of fines and sales, &c.	586	7	5	
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	Total	5,319	8	8	
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<i>Expenditure.</i>							£	s.	d.
General expenses	1,516	9	6	
Maintenance Yarra Bend Asylum	25,107	8	9	
„ Kew	„	...	...	...	...	22,278	10	10
„ Ararat	„	...	...	...	...	12,511	8	9
„ Beechworth	„	...	...	...	...	12,241	14	8
„ Sunbury	„	...	...	...	...	9,834	0	4
„ Lunacy Ward, Bendigo	...	...	...	...	...	105	10	0
„ „ Castlemaine	...	...	...	...	...	81	6	0
„ „ Geelong	...	...	...	...	...	51	15	0
Expenses in connection with the committals of lunatics from January to December...	1,417	18	2	
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	Total	85,146	2	0	

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 1881.

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 ...	759	25,107 8 9	11,278 4 2	...	65 0 0	65 0 0	6,496 7 2
Kew ...	763	22,278 10 10	9,586 14 9	...	35 0 0	65 0 0	6,168 9 0
Ararat ...	419	12,511 8 9	5,023 13 9	...	17 10 0	100 0 0	4,031 6 6
Beechworth ...	444	12,241 14 8	5,863 16 2	...	35 0 0	70 0 0	3,654 16 5
Sunbury ...	480	9,834 0 4	*3,366 6 2	...	17 10 0	54 13 9	4,025 6 2
General expenses ...	...	1,516 9 6	543 6 0	†801 4 0	...	...	...
Total ...	2,865	83,489 12 10	35,662 1 0	801 4 0	170 0 0	354 13 9	24,376 5 3

Lunatic Asylum.	Clothing, Bedding, and Materials 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 ...	3,111 8 1	686 7 2	2,401 16 4	743 16 11	40 11 3	218 17 8
Kew ...	3,130 8 5	509 7 1	1,711 1 10	755 12 6	76 16 0	240 1 3
Ararat ...	1,419 5 8	313 17 7	1,088 17 3	375 12 8	11 4 10	130 0 6
Beechworth ...	1,280 19 10	393 13 6	653 9 1	85 12 0	50 4 6	154 3 2
Sunbury ...	1,176 18 1	321 5 0	695 11 11	40 5 7	25 6 4	110 17 4
General expenses ...	...	72 7 8	...	...	...	99 11 10
Total ...	10,119 0 1	2,296 18 0	6,550 16 5	2,000 19 8	204 2 11	953 11 9

* Including £360 to Visiting Medical Officer and £25 10s. to Temporary Medical Superintendent.

† Including £50 travelling expenses.

TABLE X.—Showing the Average Weekly Cost of Patients for the Year 1881.

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.	£ s. d.
Yarra Bend ...	759	25,107 8 9	0 5 8½	0 0 0½	0 0 0½	0 3 3½	0 1 7
Kew ...	763	22,278 10 10	0 4 10	0 0 0¼	0 0 0½	0 3 1¼	0 1 7
Ararat ...	419	12,511 8 9	0 4 7¼	0 0 0¼	0 0 1	0 3 8½	0 1 3½
Beechworth ...	444	12,241 14 8	0 5 1	0 0 0½	0 0 0¼	0 3 2	0 1 1¼
Sunbury ...	480	9,834 0 4	0 2 8½	0 0 0¼	0 0 0½	0 3 2½	0 0 11¼
Total ...	2,865	81,973 3 4	...	...	...	...	...
General expenses ...	...	1,516 9 6	...	...	...	...	...

Lunatic Asylum.	Stores.	Fuel, Light, and Water.	Medicines and Medical Comforts.	Forage.	Incidental.	Weekly Cost.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Yarra Bend ...	0 0 4¼	0 1 2½	0 0 4½	0 0 0¼	0 0 1½	0 12 8½
Kew ...	0 0 3	0 0 10½	0 0 4½	0 0 0½	0 0 1½	0 11 3
Ararat ...	0 0 3½	0 1 0	0 0 4½	0 0 0¼	0 0 1½	0 11 6
Beechworth ...	0 0 4	0 0 6¾	0 0 1	0 0 0½	0 0 1¾	0 10 7½
Sunbury ...	0 0 3	0 0 6¾	0 0 0½	0 0 0¼	0 0 1	0 7 10¾
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	0 11 0¼
General expenses ...	...	...	...	...	...	0 0 2½

Amount collected by the Master-in-Lunacy for maintenance at—

	£	s.	d.
Yarra Bend Lunatic Asylum ...	1,926	9	3
Kew Lunatic Asylum ...	1,599	4	10
Ararat Lunatic Asylum ...	419	12	4
Beechworth Lunatic Asylum ...	373	8	6
Sunbury Lunatic Asylum ...	414	6	4
Total ...	£4,733	1	3

Average weekly cost of patients in public asylums, less amount of maintenance collections ... 0 10 4½

APPENDICES.—In the appendices A to E will be found full particulars relating to the asylums at Yarra Bend, Kew, Ararat, Beechworth, and Sunbury. In addition to the usual statistical information will be found reports from the Superintendents, in which they direct attention to various matters which they deem to be deserving of notice. Appendices F, G, and H relate to the lunacy wards at the Bendigo, Castlemaine, and Geelong Hospitals. Appendix I gives the usual return of my travelling on inspection duty, and Appendix K gives particulars of the various changes that have taken place at the Cremorne Licensed House for the Insane.

E. PALEY,
Inspector of Lunatic Asylums.

TABLE III.—Showing the Causes of Death during the Year 1881.

Cause of Death.							Males.	Females.	Total.
Cerebral or spinal diseases :—									
Apoplexy and paralysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
Epilepsy and convulsions	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1
General paresis	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	3
Inflammation and other diseases of the brain, softening, tumors, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	16	8	24	24
Thoracic diseases :—									
Inflammation of the lungs, pleuræ, and bronchi	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	11	11
Pulmonary consumption	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	2
Disease of the heart	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	9	9
Abdominal diseases :—									
Inflammation and ulceration of the stomach, intestines, or peritoneum	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1
Dysentery and diarrhœa	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1
Bright's disease	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1
Cancer	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	2
Accidents	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1
Died whilst out on probation	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	3
Total	...	...	...	...	...	43	17	60	60

TABLE IV.—Showing the Length of Residence of those Discharged Recovered, and of those who have Died during the Year 1881.

Length of Residence.	Recovered.			Died.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 1 month	...	1	1	...	...	...
From 1 to 3 months	1	...	1
" 3 " 6 "	...	2	4	1	2	3
" 6 " 9 "	...	11	17	6	3	9
" 9 " 12 "	...	3	9	12	5	17
" 1 " 2 years	...	14	25	7	3	10
" 2 " 3 "	...	4	5	4	2	6
" 3 " 5 "	1	3	1	4
" 5 " 7 "	2	...	2
" 7 " 10 "	2	...	2
" 10 " 12 "	1	4	1	5
" 12 " 15 "	1	...	1
Over 15 years
Total	34	29	63	43	17	60

TABLE V.—Showing the Ages of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1881.

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	1	3	4	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 10 " 15 "	2	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 15 " 20 "	4	12	16	...	2	2	1	1	2	2	...	2
" 20 " 30 "	25	26	51	5	7	12	3	4	7	3	1	4
" 30 " 40 "	24	25	49	12	11	23	8	9	17	2	...	2
" 40 " 50 "	28	21	49	9	5	14	6	4	10	11	2	13
" 50 " 60 "	15	8	23	5	1	6	3	2	5	8	1	9
" 60 " 70 "	10	5	15	1	...	1	...	1	1	4	3	7
" 70 " 80 "	3	1	4	1	...	1	...	2	2	3	1	4
" 80 " 90 "	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	4
" 90 and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unknown	8	4	12	1	2	3	3	1	4	9	6	15
Total	120	110	230	34	29	63	24	24	48	43	17	60

TABLE VI.—FARM ACCOUNT.

<i>Dr.</i>	At per	Rate.	Amount.			<i>Cr.</i>	At per	Rate.	Amount.		
			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
To Wages—											
Farm bailiff ...	ann.	£150	150	0	0	By 2,500 lbs. beef ...	cental	13/6	16	17	6
Three carters ...	ann.	£60	180	0	0	1,517 lbs. butter ...	lb.	/8	50	11	4
Warders ...	...	...	195	0	0	565½ doz. eggs ...	doz.	1/4	37	14	0
Allowances—						47 tons firewood ...	ton	2/6	5	17	6
Rations for five persons	ann.	12/2/4	60	11	8	62,753 qts. milk ...	quart	/4	1,045	17	8
Fuel, light, and water	...	...	15	14	2	4,359 lbs. pork ...	cental	13/6	29	8	5
Purchase of seeds ...	...	...	53	10	1	143 lbs. poultry ...	cental	13/6	0	19	3
Fuel, light, and water	...	...				280 lbs. veal ...	cental	13/6	1	17	9
(farm buildings) ...	...	...	4	4	0	Sales ...	...	...	8	8	0
Repairs—farm imple-	...	...				Work done unconnected					
ments, &c., shoeing ...	...	...	43	8	3	with the farm, 264					
Incidentals ...	...	...	14	17	5	days' labor carter and					
Grazing at Sunbury—						horses ...	diem	10/	132	0	0
Cattle—31 head ...	each	20/	31	0	0	Fodder grown and con-					
Forage for horses ...	...	...	30	12	10	sumed—					
Rent 250 acres ...	acre	8/	100	0	0	56 bushels barley ...	bushel	3/6	9	16	0
Labor, average 12 patients						2 tons carrots ...	ton	20/	2	0	0
for 2,496 days ...	diem	1/6	187	4	0	60 tons hay ...	cental	3/7	240	16	0
Fodder grown and con-	...	...				29,665 bundles green					
sumed ...	...	...	543	1	8	food ...	bundle	/1	123	12	1
Balance (profit) ...	...	...	263	9	0	153 tons mangold ...	ton	20/	153	0	0
						480 lbs. oats ...	cental	7/10	1	17	7
						80 bushels peas ...	bushel	3/	12	0	0
Total ...	...	...	1,872	13	1	Total ...	...	...	1,872	13	1

TABLE VII.—GARDEN ACCOUNT.

<i>Dr.</i>	At per	Rate.	Amount.			<i>Cr.</i>	At per	Rate.	Amount.		
			£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
To Wages—											
Gardener ...	annum	...	110	0	0	By 3,619 lbs. beans					
Warders ...	...	...	80	0	0	54,082 „ cabbage					
Labor, average 9 patients						7,314 „ carrots					
251 days ...	diem	1/6	169	8	6	8,567 „ cauliflower					
Allowances—						375 „ celery					
Rations ...	...	...	12	2	4	440 „ cucumber					
Fuel, light, and water	...	...	3	2	10	3,766 „ lettuce					
Rent 6 acres ...	acre	40/	12	0	0	6,161 „ marrows					
Purchase of seeds ...	...	...	0	16	0	8,478 „ onions					
„ manure ...	...	...	3	4	0	4,930 „ parsnips					
„ tools ...	...	...	1	15	4	380 „ peas					
						6,921 „ pumpkins					
						1,987 „ radishes					
						1,438 „ rhubarb					
						3,432 „ soup vegetables					
						142 „ spinach					
						2,410 „ tomatoes					
						8,694 „ turnips					
						18,691 „ vegetables, mis-					
						cellaneous					
						141,827 „ vegetables	lb.	/1	590	18	11
Balance (profit) ...	...	...	210	15	6	1,965 „ fruit	lb.	/1½	12	5	7
Total ...	...	...	£603	4	6	Total ...	...	...	£603	4	6

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 ...	8	995	Blankets ...	...	118
„ women's ...	...	645	Bonnets, sun ...	289	1,969
Camisoles ...	6	176	Chemises, cotton ...	706	2,476
Canvas jumpers ...	...	192	„ flannel ...	229	640
Coats ...	7	129	Dresses, linsey, &c. ...	880	2,874
Gloves, leather, pairs ...	14	63	„ canvas ...	...	67
Mattresses, hair ...	114	4	Drawers ...	...	74
Slippers, pairs ...	...	39	Gowns, night ...	90	390
Straps and buckles ...	20	125	Petticoats, cotton ...	460	2,054
Tunics, serge ...	...	49	„ flannel ...	242	1,742
Trousers ...	22	1,906	Pillowslips ...	456	109
Vests... ..	2	198	Pinafores ...	60	...
			Rugs ...	...	58
			Sheets ...	1,224	2,557
			Shirts, cotton ...	1,228	4,045
			„ serge ...	70	1,014
			Socks and stockings ...	...	7,892
			Shrouds ...	100	...
			Tablecloths ...	120	39
			Ticks, bed ...	268	86
			„ pillow ...	20	82
			Towels ...	82	29
			Vests, flannel ...	369	1,033
			Wool jackets ...	...	215

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 ...	45	...	45
Fancy Work ...	...	2	2	Concerts ...	155	150	305
Farm and Garden ...	95	...	95	Cricket ...	100	...	100
Household Work ...	190	10	200	Reading ...	250	200	450
Laundry ...	...	46	46	Walking ...	320	200	520
Miscellaneous ...	3	...	3		870	550	1,420
Painting ...	2	...	2	Attending Divine Services	200	200	400
Sewing ...	...	150	150				
Workshops—							
Blacksmith ...	1	...	1				
Carpenter ...	6	...	6				
Shoemaker ...	5	...	5				
Tailor ...	5	...	5				
	308	208	516				

TABLE X.—STATISTICS.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Number of lunatics supposed curable on 31st December 1881	77	21	98
" epileptic	62	24	86
" harmless imbeciles	14	17	31
" idiots (adult)	6	20	26
" " (children under 15 yrs.)	14	6	20
" Chinese	10	...	10
Condition as to marriage of those admitted during the year—			
Single	52	40	92
Married	44	47	91
Widowed	10	15	25
Unknown	14	8	22
Number of lunatics who have been removed on probation during the year	40	79	119
" who have recovered whilst on probation	15	16	31
" who have been removed on bond	2	...	2
" sent to the Asylum by their friends	25	36	61
" " " by police	60	51	111
" received from Benevolent Asylums, Hospitals, and Gaols	29	16	45
Amount of single-room accommodation	118	33	151
Average number requiring single-room accommodation throughout the year	118	40	158

Statistics.—On the 1st January there were on the books of this asylum 807 patients—515 men and 292 women, and on the 31st December there were on the books of the institution 866 patients—534 men and 332 women. These figures show an increase of 59 patients during the year, and is partly due to the somewhat lower death-rate and a smaller proportion of recoveries as compared with last year. The increase, however, is more especially due to the character of the patients admitted, which operated to affect both the proportion of recoveries and also the number of people resident in the asylum. A considerable number of patients were admitted suffering from chronic disease and the impairment of mind consequent to old age, and who hardly required the restraint of an asylum for the insane, but were more suitable as inmates of a benevolent home. These patients for the most part being incurable, and having no friends able to assist them, become a burden on the asylum until relieved by death. In illustration of this point I may mention that during the year 6 women were admitted whose united ages amounted to 441 years, giving an average of $73\frac{1}{2}$ years to each. Patients of this class being feeble and helpless, and frequently uncleanly in their habits, absorb much time and care from the attendants in our hospital wards, and they might with advantage be cared for in a benevolent asylum at much less cost to the State.

There were 214 patients admitted during the year—113 men and 101 women, and of these 31—16 men and 15 women—were discharged recovered. Of the older cases 32—18 men and 14 women—were similarly disposed of, 5 were discharged improved—4 men and 1 woman, the total being 68, this being at the rate of 31·77 per cent. for both sexes, as against 41·01 for the preceding year. The number of females discharged was nearly 4 per cent. less than males, which is contrary to usual experience, but this is, however, to some extent accounted for by the number of incurable and chronic cases of females admitted during the year. It would be possible to increase the proportion of patients discharged if friends would come forward to assist those sent out on trial, but many of the poorer classes of people are unable to undertake the care and maintenance of an individual who, though harmless and inoffensive, is incapacitated, through age or other bodily infirmity, from doing any useful or productive work, but this difficulty might to some extent be overcome if a small allowance were made to defray the cost of maintenance.

During the year 60 patients died—43 men and 17 women—the causes being mostly of the usual character, inflammation and other diseases of the brain being the assigned cause in 24 cases. It may be remarked that no person died from suicide, and only one from an accident, but in all other cases death resulted from natural causes. Several died from exhaustion, brought about by a long course of abstinence previous to their admission, and many cases could be mentioned of patients who attempted self-destruction in this manner, but who were kept alive by forcible feeding until the period of their excitement or delusion passed over, and they have since returned to their families as useful members of society. The percentage of deaths on the average number resident is 7·90, which is considerably below that of the preceding year.

Of the 63 patients discharged recovered, 1 woman had been resident in the asylum for over 10 years, and 31 patients of both sexes had been under care for periods varying from 1 to 5 years, while the remainder were detained only for a few months. A female infant, aged 1 year, was admitted on the 5th November and discharged on the 25th of the same month, as it was considered she did not require to be cared for in an asylum for the insane. In many instances the period of detention might be much shortened if suitable homes could be found for those patients who have no friends to assist them after leaving, and this applies more especially to young unprotected females, and to those who in consequence of age are unable to maintain themselves by their own unaided efforts. In this direction much good could be accomplished by the establishment of a convalescent home or refuge for the temporary shelter of such people, who would find far less difficulty in starting again in life under the auspices of such an institution.

The ages of patients admitted this year have varied from 1 to 80 years, and both these extremes were in the cases of females, but the larger number admitted were between the ages of 20 and 30, a period of life in which diseases both of a physical and mental nature are prone to be developed. Of these 23·5 per cent. were discharged recovered, and 4 died. Of 49 admitted, whose ages ranged between 30 and 40 years, the percentage of recoveries was 46·9, and only 2 of them died.

General Remarks.—The casualties were of a trifling, unimportant character, and do not call for any special comment. Two cases are, however, deserving of mention; one, a male idiot, had two fingers of the left hand removed on account of gangrene caused by strangulation with a tight ligature, and another male epileptic died in a fit, the cause of death returned being “suffocation from closure of the glottis,” but, as death under such circumstances may be regarded as unavoidable, this case can hardly be placed in the category of accidental deaths. Several attempts at self-destruction were made by patients, but were happily frustrated by the vigilance of the warders.

The recreation and amusement of patients has engaged the attention of the officers and staff during the year. In addition to the usual weekly dances there have been cricket matches regularly on Saturday afternoons during the season, and, although very few of the male patients ever join in the play, yet any one who is sufficiently well and able to play is enrolled as a member of the team, and it is pleasing to add that the pavilions provided for both sexes are well filled on these occasions. The female patients in turn continue to enjoy a drive into the country every week, in a conveyance provided for the purpose, and this form of recreation is much appreciated by all who are able to take part in it. In addition to these routine and regular forms of amusement, several vocal and instrumental concerts have been given by the united efforts of the officers and staff aided occasionally by the kind assistance of friends, and these are looked forward to with much pleasure by the patients. Books and illustrated papers are liberally supplied to all the wards, as well as cards, chess, and draughts, all of which are well patronized.

The general discipline and order of the establishment has been fairly maintained, and there have been very few changes among the staff. A sad event, however, was the death of Mr. Coakley, who occupied for many years the position of head warder, which occurred very suddenly towards the close of the year. Some charges of cruelty and harsh treatment have from time to time been made by patients against warders; these were always listened to with attention, and promptly investigated, but they were almost invariably found to be without foundation. A charge of neglect of duty was established against a male warder, and the result being very serious the man was heavily fined. It is, however, pleasing to add that such instances of neglect are happily of very rare occurrence in this asylum.

It is a source of congratulation that, with the exception of two cases of erysipelas, the establishment has been free from infectious or contagious diseases of an epidemic character. The wards and dormitories are generally clean and orderly, the patients are quiet and free from excitement, and effort is made to maintain the institution in that state which is best calculated to minister to the well-being of the inmates.

Inspection.—This asylum has been inspected by a Board of Official Visitors consisting of Dr. Barker (Chairman), Drs. Youl, Campbell, and Iffa, and Messrs. Dixon, J.P., and Mason, M.L.A., whose quarterly reports have been placed before the Government.

J. DE BURGH GRIFFITH,

Deputy Medical Superintendent.

APPENDIX B.

LUNATIC ASYLUM, KEW.

TABLE I.—Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1881.

				Males.	Females.	Total.
In the asylum on 1st January 1881	...	...	...	476	398	874
				Males.	Females.	Total.
Admitted for the first time	...	...	...	113	78	191
Re-admitted	...	...	...	11	15	26
Transferred during the year	...	...	...	3	3	6
Retaken	...	...	...	12	...	12
Total admitted	...	...	...	139	96	235
Total under care during the year	...	...	...	615	494	1,109
Discharged, removed, &c. :—				Males.	Females.	Total.
Recovered	...	...	...	38	41	79
Improved	...	...	...	2	3	5
Not improved	...	...	...	...	1	1
Transferred	...	...	...	1	3	4
Escaped	...	...	...	15	...	15
Died	...	...	...	43	23	66
Died while on trial	...	...	...	1	...	1
Total discharged, died, &c., during the year	...	...	...	100	71	171
Remaining in the asylum on the 31st December 1881 (inclusive of absent on trial, males and females)	...	...	...	515	423	938
Average numbers resident during the year	...	...	...	428	335	763

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 1881.

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.															
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

TABLE III.—Showing the Causes of Death during the Year 1881.

Cause of Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Cerebral or spinal diseases :—			
Apoplexy and paralysis	3	2	5
Epilepsy and convulsions	1	..	1
General paresis	2	..	2
Inflammation and other diseases of the brain, softening, tumors, &c.	16	10	26
Thoracic diseases :—			
Inflammation of the lungs, pleurae, and bronchi	4	4	8
Pulmonary consumption	2	3	5
Disease of the heart	3	..	3
Abdominal diseases :—			
Inflammation and ulceration of the stomach, intestines, or peritoneum	2	2	4
Dysentery and diarrhoea	3	..	3
Pelvic abscess	1	..	1
Erysipelas	1	..	1
Cancer	1	2	3
General debility and old age	3	..	3
Suicide	1	..	1
Died while on trial	1	..	1
Total	44	23	67

TABLE IV.—Showing the Length of Residence of those Discharged Recovered, and of those who have Died during the Year 1881.

Length of Residence.	Recovered.			Died.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 1 month	3	3	6	2	5	7
From 1 to 3 months	18	7	25	4	2	6
" 3 " 6 "	7	11	18	6	1	7
" 6 " 9 "	4	2	6	1	1	2
" 9 " 12 "	2	4	6	5	1	6
" 1 " 2 years	..	4	4	7	3	10
" 2 " 3 "	2	3	5	7	5	12
" 3 " 5 "	2	6	8	3	3	6
" 5 " 7 "	..	..	..	6	1	7
" 7 " 10 "	..	1	1	3	1	4
" 10 " 12 "	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 12 " 15 "	..	..	..	..	..	..
Over 15 years	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	38	41	79	44	23	67

TABLE V.—Showing the Ages of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1881.

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	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 15 " 20 " ...	9	6	15	6	3	9	...	1	1	...	...	...
" 20 " 30 " ...	31	31	62	4	11	15	9	3	12	6	3	9
" 30 " 40 " ...	15	20	35	5	8	13	3	3	6	5	3	8
" 40 " 50 " ...	36	17	53	12	8	20	4	...	4	6	5	11
" 50 " 60 " ...	21	12	33	5	4	9	...	...	...	11	7	18
" 60 " 70 " ...	11	2	13	4	1	5	1	...	1	5	2	7
" 70 " 80 " ...	5	...	5	2	...	2	...	...	...	4	...	4
" 80 " 90 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
" 90 and upwards ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unknown ...	9	5	14	...	6	6	1	...	1	7	2	9
Total ...	139	96	235	38	41	79	18	7	25	44	23	67

TABLE VI.—FARM ACCOUNT.

<i>Dr.</i>	At per	Rate.	Amount.	<i>Cr.</i>	At per	Rate.	Amount.
To Wages—			£ s. d.	By 359 lbs. beef ...	cental	13/6	2 8 5
Farm bailiff ...	annum	£145	145 0 0	6,186 ,, pork ...	"	13/6	41 15 1
Three carters ...	each	£60	180 0 0	1,001 ,, veal ...	"	13/6	6 15 1
Warders ...	...	...	170 16 8	3,167 ,, butter ...	pound	/8	105 11 4
Allowances—				423½ doz. eggs ...	dozen	1/4	28 4 8
Rations to four persons ...	annum	£12/2/4	48 9 4	81,921 qts. milk ...	quart	/4	1,365 7 0
Fuel, light, and water ...	...	...	6 16 3	445 tons firewood ...	ton	8/	178 0 0
Purchase of seeds ...	...	...	35 12 6	Vegetables sent to store for patients' use—			
Fuel, light, and water (farm buildings) ...	...	...	4 4 0	2,913 lbs. carrots	pound	/1	12 2 9
Repairs farm implements, &c., shoeing ...	...	...	20 7 9	7,795 ,, pumpkins	"	/1	11 12 11
Incidentals ...	...	...	24 14 3	11,865 ,, turnips	"	/1	49 8 9
Grazing at Sunbury—				Sales of pigs and hides, &c. ...	...	...	186 16 6
Cattle, 45 head ...	each	20/	45 0 0	Supply of two kitchen blocks ...	...	...	7 0 0
Forage for horses ...	...	...	83 6 8	Work done unconnected with the farm, 365 days' labor carter and horses ...	diem	10/	182 10 0
Rent 360 acres ...	acre	7/	126 0 0	Manure supplied to gardens, 187 loads	load	3/6	32 14 6
Labor, average 9 patients for 300 days, and 3 patients for 365 days ...	diem	1/6	284 12 6	Fodder grown and consumed—			
Fodder grown and consumed ...	...	...	807 7 9	45 bushels barley	bushel	3/6	7 17 6
Tools for farm ...	...	...	33 4 8	9½ tons cabbage	ton	20/	9 5 0
Balance (profit) ...	...	...	1002 2 5	12¼ ,, carrots	"	20/	12 5 0
				27,600 bncls. green food ...	bundle	/1	115 0 0
				80 tons hay ...	cental	3/7	321 1 4
				190 ,, mangold ...	ton	20/	190 0 0
				225 bushels peas ...	bushel	3/	33 15 0
				17 tons straw ...	cental	2/10	53 18 11
				30¼ ,, turnips ...	ton	20/	34 5 0
				120 bushels wheat	bushel	5/	30 0 0
Total	3,017 14 9	Total	3,017 14 9

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TABLE VII.—GARDEN ACCOUNT.

Cr.

—	At per	Rate.	Amount.	—	At per	Rate.	Amount.
To Wages—			£ s. d.	By 1,380 lbs. beans			£ s. d.
Gardener	annum	£110	110 0 0	362 „ beet			
Labor—Average 4 patients, 300 days ...	diem	1/6	90 0 0	84,349 „ cabbage			
Allowances—				5,232 „ carrots			
Rations ... ..	...	...	12 2 4	7,356 „ cauliflower			
Fuel, light, and water ... ..	...	...	8 16 3	285 „ celery			
Water for garden ... ..	...	...	2 0 0	351 „ cucumbers			
Rent—Six acres	acre	£5	30 0 0	1,912 „ lettuce			
Purchase of—				8,118 „ marrows veg.			
Seeds and tools ... ..	...	...	12 14 3	2,396 „ onions			
Manure—146 loads... ..	load	3/6	25 11 0	2,790 „ parsnips			
				375 „ peas			
				4,812 „ pumpkins			
				4,290 „ radish			
				584 „ rhubarb			
				2,125 „ soup veg.			
				5,764 „ turnips			
				1,609 „ „ tops			
				4,014 „ tomatoes			
				138,104 „ vegetables ...	lb.	/1	575 8 8
				390 „ fruit ...	lb.	/1½	2 8 9
				25 dozen fruit trees (to Beechworth)	doz.	10/	12 10 0
Balance (profit) ... ..	...	...	299 3 7				
Total ... ..	...	...	590 7 5	Total ... ..	...	...	590 7 5

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

Male.			Female.		
Article.	Made up. Number.	Repaired. Number.	Article.	Made up. Number.	Repaired. Number.
Bags, letter ... ..	...	1	Badges	80	...
Balls, cricket ... ..	...	14	Blankets ... ..	...	137
„ foot ... ..	...	16	Bonnets, sun	300	1,159
Belly-bands ... ..	...	5	Chemises, cotton	214	2,907
Breeching ... ..	...	2	„ flannel	130	1,145
Blocks for waggonette	8	...	Curtains	5	...
Boots, men's	3	8	Drawers, serge	30	582
„ „ soled and heeled ... ..	...	555	Dresses, linsey and print	455	3,129
„ women's	1	9	„ canvas ... ..	...	788
„ „ soled and heeled ... ..	...	186½	Gowns, night ... ..	...	356
Camisoles ... ..	...	36	Jackets, serge	21	...
Caps, canvas	18	...	Jumpers, canvas ... ..	...	153
Coats	14	736	Petticoats, cotton	350	1,093
Gloves, leather ... ..	...	13	„ flannel	290	1,310
Guards, leg ... ..	...	5	Pillowslips	150	319
Hair bed	1	...	Pillows, hair	100	...
Reins ... ..	...	5	Sheets, cotton	1,535	1,317
Rugs, horse	6	...	Shirts, „	1,344	4,898
Shafts, leathering	2	...	„ serge	88	1,067
Slippers ... ..	...	15	Socks and stockings	64	5,348
Straps and buckles	10	...	Shrouds, cotton	50	...
Suits, combination	2	...	Tablecloths	90	300
Trousers	15	2,208	Ticks, bed	245	223
Vests	14	490	„ pillow	250	...
Vegetable nets	42	...	Towels	180	152
Winkers ... ..	...	3	Vests, flannel	176	886
Washers for waggonette	18	...	Wool jackets ... ..	...	366

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

—	Males.	Females.	Total.	—	Males.	Females.	Total.
Employments—				Amusements—			
Attendants' messroom ...	2	...	2	Balls, &c. ...	190	120	310
Cricket ground ...	1	...	1	Billiards ...	17	...	17
Fancy work ...	...	5	5	Bowls ...	11	...	11
Farm ...	35	...	35	Cricket ...	120	...	120
Household work ...	119	70	189	Drives in waggonette ...	...	195	195
Garden ...	8	...	8	Football ...	80	...	80
Kitchen ...	8	...	8	Reading room ...	23	...	23
Laundry ...	...	45	45	Walking in the grounds	80	35	115
Milking ...	15	...	15		521	350	871
Ornamental grounds ...	14	...	14				
Piggery and closet cleaning	13	...	13				
Sewing room ...	...	80	80	Attending Divine services	111	100	211
Store ...	6	...	6				
Workshops—							
Blacksmith ...	1	...	1				
Carpenter ...	1	...	1				
Shoemaker ...	2	...	2				
Tailor ...	5	...	5				
	230	200	430				

TABLE X.—Showing Assigned Causes of Insanity of Patients admitted during the Year 1881.

Assigned Cause.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Assigned Cause.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Accident ...	3	2	5	Religion ...	1	1	2
Fright ...	...	3	3	Sickness ...	7	2	9
Family troubles ...	7	6	13	Sunstroke ...	3	...	3
Hereditary ...	...	2	2	Unknown ...	74	48	122
Intemperance ...	12	5	17		113	78	191
Melancholia ...	1	...	1				
Menstruation ...	...	1	1	Reported suicidal ...	22	12	34
Natural ...	5	2	7				
Puerperal ...	...	6	6				

TABLE XI.—STATISTICS.

—	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of lunatics supposed curable on 31st December 1881 ...	47	49	96
" epileptic ...	41	32	73
" harmless imbeciles ...	65	22	87
" idiots, adult ...	2	...	2
" " under 15 years ...	2	3	5
" Chinese ...	24	...	24
" on leave of absence ...	66	76	142
Condition as to marriage of those admitted during the year—			
Single ...	60	33	93
Married ...	37	35	72
Widowed ...	5	7	12
Unknown ...	10	3	13
Number of lunatics who have been removed on probation during the year	52	52	104
" recovered while ...	14	24	38
" been discharged "relieved" while on probation ...	1	3	4
" been removed on "bond" ...	1	...	1
" been sent to the asylum by their friends ...	6	23	29
" been sent to the asylum by the police ...	101	63	164
" been received from benevolent asylum, hospitals, and gaols ...	17	7	24
Amount of single-room accommodation ...	116	66	182
Average number of lunatics requiring single-room accommodation throughout the year ...	145	90	235

Statistics.—The admissions have been 124 males and 93 females, as compared with 91 males and 76 females admitted during 1880. The discharges, however, being fewer than in the previous year, an increase of 39 men and 25 women is shown for the twelve months. Amongst those received for the first time during the year, many were patients of a class likely to gain but little advantage from medical treatment, and only requiring such care as might be provided in an establishment of an inexpensive kind. The percentages of recoveries during the year have been lower than usual. This result is probably dependent on the opposite conditions of the preceding year, when 70·65 per cent., calculated on the admissions, was the rate obtained. The class of patients admitted must also have influenced the percentage of recoveries. The mortality is under the average of former years. The general health of the patients has been good.

Casualties.—The following casualties were recorded :—On the 14th February, A. L., an epileptic female, suffered a fracture of the clavicle ; 29th March, J. C., an epileptic, fell, and fractured his right elbow ; 11th April, P. G., attempted suicide by cutting his throat ; 5th April, H. O., fell, and severely injured her thigh ; H. G., dropped from a window, fractured his right arm, and otherwise injured himself ; 16th August, J. S., a feeble and restless patient, fell, and fractured his left clavicle. The circumstances attending these casualties were investigated, and satisfactorily explained. On the 1st December, patient J. B. evaded the observation of his attendant, reached a secluded part of the grounds, and committed suicide by hanging himself from a tree. An inquest was held, and the attendant in charge was severely censured. Certain precautions against the recurrence of such an accident were also suggested by the jury, and have been carried out as far as practicable.

Seclusion, &c.—Seclusion and restraint have been moderate, and only resorted to when unavoidable.

Divine Service.—Divine services have been held regularly every Sunday by the Church of England and Presbyterian chaplains or their representatives, and once a month by the Roman Catholic chaplain. These services have been well attended, and are appreciated by the patients.

Amusements.—Reading, dancing, cricket, football, billiards, bowls, &c., contributed to the amusement of the patients. A few amateur musical and dramatic performances have also been given, and the female patients have occasional drives in the asylum waggonette. The amusements could be advantageously extended and diversified were funds allowed for such purposes. The order prohibiting the use of money for amusements outside the asylum should, in my opinion, be relaxed, allowing a certain class of patients to occasionally visit theatrical and other entertainments.

Buildings.—The want of adequate single-room accommodation is still felt. As a consequence of this deficiency, 46 patients have been sleeping in corridors, and many noisy and restless patients have been sharing dormitories with the quiet and convalescent, to the great disadvantage and even injury of the latter. A considerable increase in the number of single rooms is urgently needed.

The asylum is still unprovided with detached hospitals, and, consequently, unprepared to meet any serious outbreak of contagious disease. A separate male and female hospital are works which should be undertaken without delay.

The appliances for extinguishing fire have not yet been supplied. The necessity of making provision against such a danger is apparent.

The condition of the main buildings calls for attention. Requisition has been made for painting the woodwork and ironwork within and without the asylum, cleaning walls and ceilings, repairing verandahs, &c.

The stables are a discredit to the institution. They were erected about fifteen years ago for temporary use by the contractor for the asylum building. They are now in a dilapidated and dangerous state, and are, at the same time, most unsightly. New stables were asked for as far back as June 1873, and they have been repeatedly requisitioned for since.

New workshops should be built. At present the artisan patients work in buildings which were intended for other purposes, and are most unsuitable, neither admitting of satisfactory supervision nor of the employment of all available patients.

Improvements of a substantial character have been carried out. A new and commodious dairy has just been finished. A piggery, made by asylum labor, is approaching completion. Airing courts have been picket-fenced and planted.

The Farm.—About sixty-five acres have been under tillage, and have yielded heavily, as shown by the tables. A considerable extent of land is at present being reclaimed. No live stock was purchased during the year, but several young cows, bred on the establishment, have been added to the farm. A number of calves and heifers, the produce of asylum cattle, are being reared.

The Gardens.—The vegetable garden has given fair returns. The ornamental grounds have been kept in a satisfactory state.

General Remarks.—In conducting these operations and in working as artisans, large numbers of patients have been engaged in a manner the most conducive to recovery, and the value of their work is also very considerable. In connection with this question, I would recommend that patients should receive some consideration for their labor. A small weekly sum placed to the credit of such patients as fairly earned it would greatly encourage them, and be a resource to those who might recover and be friendless on leaving the asylum. Hitherto, it has been a common occurrence for patients entering the asylum with a few pounds, saved from their earnings, to find themselves penniless on being discharged. They naturally regard the confiscation of their small means as a great hardship and injustice.

The food supplies have been of fair quality, with the exception of the bread ; it was found to be very inferior on several occasions, and much difficulty was experienced in obtaining it of a quality at all corresponding to the contract conditions.

The reduction of the attendants' staff has been carried out on the female side, and the results have been very unsatisfactory. Wards have to be left short-handed, and patients requiring constant watching are deprived of that attention which their condition demands. I therefore consider the staff on both sides should be kept at its original strength.

Inspection.—The asylum has been inspected by the Board of Official Visitors, consisting of E. Barker, Esq., M.D., Chairman ; R. Youl, Esq., M.D. ; W. H. Campbell, Esq., M.R.C.S. ; S. Iffla, Esq., L.F.P.S. ; F. C. Mason, Esq., M.P. ; and E. J. Dixon, Esq., J.P.

The Board meets once a quarter for a general inspection, examination of the books, warrants, &c., and the members individually frequently visit the asylum.

T. T. DICK,
Medical Superintendent.

APPENDIX C.

LUNATIC ASYLUM, ARARAT.

TABLE I.—Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1881.

										Males.	Females.	Total.
In the asylum on 1st January 1881	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	238	200	438
										Males.	Females.	Total.
Admitted for the first time	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	39	86
Re-admitted	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Transferred during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Retaken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Total admitted	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48	40	88
Total under care during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	286	240	526
										Males.	Females.	Total.
Discharged, removed, &c. :—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Recovered	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	22	42
Improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Transferred	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Escaped	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2
Died	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	17	49
Total discharged, died, &c., during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	40	95
Remaining in the asylum on the 31st December 1881 (inclusive of absent on trial, males and females)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	231	200	431
Average numbers resident during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	231	188	419

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 1881.

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.														Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1867	37	14	51	1	...	1	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	6'85	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	52'58	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	...	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	4'98	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	3'63	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	3'11	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	32	17	49	231	200	431	231	188	419	44'68	55'00	49'42	13'85	9'04	11'69	

TABLE III.—Showing the Causes of Death during the Year 1881.

Cause of Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Cerebral or spinal diseases :—			
Apoplexy and paralysis	6	...	6
Inflammation and other diseases of the brain, softening, tumors, &c.	16	12	28
Died whilst on trial leave	2	...	2
Thoracic diseases :—			
Inflammation of the lungs, pleuræ, and bronchi	1	...	1
Pulmonary consumption	3	3	6
Abdominal diseases :—			
Inflammation and ulceration of the stomach, intestines, or peritonæum	1	...	1
Dysentery and diarrhoea	1	...	1
Exhaustion arising from hydatid disease	1	...	1
General debility and old age	1	2	3
Total	32	17	49

TABLE IV.—Showing the Length of Residence of those Discharged Recovered and of those who have Died during the Year 1881.

Length of Residence.	Recovered.			Died.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 1 month	3	1	4	2	...	2
From 1 to 3 months	6	5	11	5	1	6
" 3 " 6 "	4	9	13	5	2	7
" 6 " 9 "	1	3	4	4	1	5
" 9 " 12 "	1	3	4	2	...	2
" 1 " 2 years	2	1	3	5	2	7
" 2 " 3 "	1	...	1	3	4	7
" 3 " 5 "	1	...	1	5	4	9
" 5 " 7 " ... ..	...	...	...	1	1	2
" 7 " 10 " ... ..	...	...	...	...	2	2
" 10 " 12 "	1	...	1	...	...	...
" 12 " 15 " ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Over 15 years ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	20	22	42	32	17	49

TABLE V.—Showing the Ages of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1881.

Ages.	Admissions.			Discharged.						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	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
" 10 " 15 " ... ..	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 15 " 20 "	3	3	6	1	1	2	...	...	...	1	2	3
" 20 " 30 "	6	7	13	3	8	11	...	...	...	1	3	4
" 30 " 40 "	2	11	13	1	6	7	2	...	2	3	2	5
" 40 " 50 "	13	4	17	5	2	7	...	...	...	12	1	13
" 50 " 60 "	13	6	19	7	2	9	1	...	1	7	4	11
" 60 " 70 "	6	5	11	2	1	3	...	...	...	2	1	3
" 70 " 80 "	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	6
" 80 " 90 "	1	...	1	2	...	2
" 90 and upwards
Unknown	2	2	4	1	2	3	2	...	2
Total	48	40	88	20	22	42	3	1	4	32	17	49

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TABLE VI.—FARM ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Dr.				Cr.			
—	At per	Rate.	Amount.	—	At per	Rate.	Amount.
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
To Wages—				By 1,501 lbs. beef and veal	cental	19/	14 5 2
Farm bailiff ...	annum	£110	110 0 0	3,722 „ pork ...	„	19/	35 7 2
Carter ...	...	£60	60 0 0	1,343 $\frac{1}{8}$ „ butter ...	lb.	/7	39 3 5
Warders ...	...	...	65 0 0	271 $\frac{1}{6}$ dozen eggs ...	dozen	1/	13 11 2
Allowances—				31,328 $\frac{2}{3}$ quarts milk ...	quart	/5	652 13 5
Rations to 3 persons	...	...	40 9 0	Sales (hides and pigs)	...	...	3 5 11
Fuel, light, and water	...	...	7 16 2	Work done unconnected			
Purchase of—				with the farm, 42 days'			
Seeds ...	...	...	0 12 10	labor carter and horses	diem	10/	21 0 0
Implements and tools	...	...	28 4 2	Carting manure for the			
Stock ...	...	...	27 0 0	garden ...	load	2/6	13 12 6
Manure ...	...	...	12 0 0	Fodder grown and con-			
Milk dishes ...	...	...	3 5 0	sumed—			
Fuel, light, and water				78 tons hay ...	cental	2/4	203 16 9
(farm buildings) ...	...	...	5 9 4	10 „ straw ...	„	1/3	14 0 0
Repairs farm implements,				8,800 lbs. oats ...	„	6/9	29 14 0
shoeing ...	...	...	13 5 6	8 bushels peas ...	bushel	3/	1 4 0
Incidentals ...	...	...	4 10 6	8 „ rye ...	„	3/	1 4 0
Forage for horses ...	...	...	11 4 10	50 tons mangold ...	ton	20/	50 0 0
„ „ cows ...	...	...	30 8 6	53 „ turnips ...	„	20/	53 0 0
Rent—				60 „ green food ...	„	15/	45 0 0
78 acres ...	acre	3/	11 14 0	10 bushels wheat ...	bushel	5/	2 10 0
94 acres ...	„	2/6	11 15 0	12 lbs. mangold seed	lb.	1/6	0 18 0
300 acres ...	„	1/3	18 15 0	10 „ turnip seed ...	„	2/	1 0 0
Labor, average 10 persons							
for 115 days ...	diem	1/6	86 5 0				
Fodder grown and con-							
sumed ...	...	...	402 6 9				
Balance (profit) ...	...	...	245 3 11				
Total ...	...	...	1,195 5 6	Total ...	...	...	1,195 5 6

Dr.

TABLE VII.—GARDEN ACCOUNT.

Cr.

Dr.				Cr.			
—	At per	Rate.	Amount.	—	At per	Rate.	Amount.
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
To Wages—				By 3,645 lbs. beans			
Gardener ...	annum	£95	95 0 0	435 „ beet root			
Labor, average 5 patients,				17,547 „ cabbage			
297 days ...	diem	1/6	111 7 6	4,617 „ carrots			
Allowances—				4,362 „ cauliflower			
Rations ...	...	...	13 9 8	476 „ celery			
Fuel, light, and water				634 „ cucumbers			
Rent, 8 acres ...	acre	20/	8 0 0	170 „ cress			
Purchase of—				2,024 „ lettuce			
Seeds and tools ...	...	...	6 5 0	6,323 „ marrows, vege-			
Manure ...	...	...	12 0 0	table			
Carting manure ...	...	...	13 12 6	2,993 „ onions			
				2,508 „ parsnips			
				1,253 „ peas			
				989 „ radish			
				1,341 „ rhubarb			
				10 „ thyme			
				15,122 „ turnips			
				2,485 „ „ tops			
				2,116 „ tomatoes			
				69,050 „ vegetables ...	lb.	/1	287 14 2
Balance ...	...	...	64 4 3	Allowance for attending			
				ornamental grounds ...	...	...	43 2 4
Total ...	...	...	330 16 6	Total ...	...	...	330 16 6

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 ...	...	430		Aprons ...	...	...
„ women's ...	...	13		Badges ...	48	...	
Canvas caps ...	23	...		Blankets ...	...	52	
„ dresses ...	6	...		Blinds ...	12	...	
Coats ...	4	...		Bonnets ...	60	500	
Gloves, leather ...	...	36		Chemises, cotton ...	314	919	
Trousers ...	5	...		„ flannel ...	80	526	
Waistcoats ...	4	...		Coats ...	...	493	
				Dresses, canvas ...	...	700	
				„ chambery ...	22	...	
				„ ...	307	1,288	
				Gowns, night ...	...	45	
				Petticoats, cotton ...	109	1,017	
				„ flannel ...	202	1,011	
				Pillowslips ...	500	88	
				Rugs ...	...	51	
				Sheets ...	689	94	
				Shirts, cotton... ..	269	3,133	
				„ serge ...	50	484	
				Socks and stockings ...	...	4,608	
				Tablecloths ...	33	...	
				Ticks, bed ...	321	74	
				„ pillow ...	84	...	
				Trousers ...	12	2,795	
				Towels ...	70	...	
				Vests, flannel ...	21	426	
				Waistcoats ...	...	523	
				Wool jackets ...	...	34	

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 ...	64	30	94	Concerts ...	60	50	110
Fancy work ...	...	11	11	Cricket ...	30	...	30
In the shops and sewing-room ...	4	18	22	Walking beyond the grounds	45	28	73
Laundry work ...	...	13	13	Total ...	135	78	213
On the grounds ...	47	...	47	Attending Divine services ...	64	50	114
Total ...	115	72	187				

TABLE X.—STATISTICS.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of lunatics supposed curable on 31st December 1881 ...	30	22	52
„ epileptic ...	11	12	23
„ harmless imbeciles ...	11	6	17
„ idiots (adults) ...	7	3	10
„ „ (children under 15 yrs.) ...	3	1	4
„ Chinese ...	16	...	16
Condition as to marriage of those admitted during the year 1881—			
Single ...	16	15	31
Married ...	18	16	34
Widowed ...	7	8	15
Unknown ...	6	...	6
Number of lunatics who have been removed on probation during the year ...	17	8	25
„ „ recovered whilst on probation ...	6	2	8
„ „ been removed on bond ...	1	...	1
„ sent to the asylum by their friends ...	2	6	8
„ „ by police ...	45	33	78
„ received from benevolent asylums, hospitals, and gaols ...	6	2	8
Amount of single-room accommodation ...	43	32	75
Average number requiring single-room accommodation during the year ...	48	40	88

Statistics.—On the 1st of January there were 238 males and 200 females, including 10 males and 11 females on trial, on the books of the asylum. During the year, 47 males and 39 females were admitted for the first time; one female re-admitted, and 1 male retaken; 20 males and 22 females were discharged cured, and 1 male relieved; 2 males escaped, and 1 female was transferred; 32 males and 17 females died, including 2 on trial. On the 31st day of December there were 231 males and 200 females, inclusive of 11 males and 11 females on trial, on the register, which shows a decrease of 7 patients for the year. The proportion of cases discharged to the admissions was 49·42 in each 100, as against 34·69 in the previous year. The death rate was 11·69 in each 100 of the daily average number resident; 22 of the deaths took place in patients who had been less than twelve months in the asylum, and in almost every one of these cases the patient was admitted suffering from an advanced state of the disease that afterwards caused death. Two deaths took place away from the asylum, and it is satisfactory to be able to state that no death was caused by accident, suicide, or contagious disease. A magisterial enquiry was held in every case, and the causes of death returned as follow, viz:—Apoplexy and paralysis, 6; inflammation of the lungs, pleuræ, and bronchi, 1; inflammation and other diseases of the brain, 28; pulmonary consumption, 6; inflammation of the peritoneum, 1; hydatid disease, 1; general debility and old age, 3; diarrhœa, 1. In 3 of the men admitted no symptoms of insanity could be discovered, and they were allowed to leave with as little delay as possible. The practice has grown from year to year of sending persons to the asylum who are broken down from age or bodily disease, and whose mental derangement is only the disturbance incident on such a state. That such cases should be regarded as insane in the proper meaning of the word is doubtful, but, once having been admitted, they generally have to be kept till they die. If the local benevolent asylum were enlarged, and arrangements made for the transfer and detention there of feeble and harmless patients, the relief to this asylum would be very great, and the cost of maintenance might be somewhat reduced. At the end of the year, 52 patients were supposed to be curable. There were also 23 epileptic patients, 16 Chinese, 17 harmless imbeciles, 10 adult idiots, and 4 idiot children. It would seem very desirable that all idiots should be in an asylum by themselves, where they could be taught different kinds of useful employment.

Seclusion.—Restraint and seclusion were but very little employed in the treatment of the patients.

Casualties.—No serious accident occurred during the year, and, with the exception of a few mild cases of measles, the establishment was not visited by any contagious disease.

Amusements.—The usual amusements of concerts, cricket, football, walks beyond the asylum bounds, were carried on, and the patients were allowed to share in many of the public recreations in Ararat. Billiards, cards, books, and papers filled up the spare time of many when confined in-doors.

Religious Services.—Divine service was held by clergymen of the Church of England on nearly every Sunday afternoon in the year. For the first nine months, Presbyterian service was held on week days; afterwards an arrangement was made to have this service on the first Sunday in each month, and the Church of England on the other Sundays; a choir, formed by some members of the staff, with the help of a few friends from outside the building, made these services bright and cheerful for the patients. Roman Catholic service was held on Sundays, and generally twice a month on week days. The clergymen of all these denominations visited from time to time the patients in the wards.

Work.—New out-door closets were erected off some of the wards, principally by asylum labor. The garden dam was enlarged; trees and shrubs planted in the yards; the usual work on the farm, garden, and plantations carried on. The average number of working patients was 115 males and 72 females, but many not so classed were employed occasionally in some of the little odds and ends of work that are ever required to be done in a large establishment. The curative and quieting effect of work on the insane is very marked; it is therefore most desirable that every possible field of labor should be opened up; the future selection of members of the staff who would have special qualities for aiding in the employment of the patients might render an advance in this direction possible.

The year was dry, and unfavorable for the profitable working of the farm and garden; making due allowance for these causes, the returns may be looked upon as fairly satisfactory. The garden produced in the past year 69,050 lbs. of vegetables, as against 86,253 lbs. the year before. The value of the vegetables so produced was £287 14s. 2d. On the Dr. side of the garden account is charged the wages of the gardener, the value of his allowances, including rent of house, wages of patients employed under him, rent of the land, and cost of manure, tools, seeds, &c. After all deductions are made, a profit balance of £64 4s. 3d. is left. In the farm account a slight increase is shown in the quantities of milk, pork, eggs, and beef. The total value of all produce from the farm is £1,195 5s. 6d. The Dr. side of this account is charged with wages and allowances (including house rent) of the farm bailiff, wages and allowances of carter, one-third of wages of warders employed on the farm, the value of produce grown and consumed, rent of farm, cost of manure, tools, seeds, &c. A profit balance of £245 3s. 11d. remains after all deductions are made. It may also be pointed out the money allowed for wages of warders and patients is profit, as it is doubtful if money value could be got for such labor except in the asylum farm and garden.

Condition of Building.—The great overcrowding that Dr. Paley has often drawn attention to still continues, and is a source of danger to the health and general well-being of the patients. The out-door closets added during the year have made a marked improvement in the purity of the atmosphere in the wards. A new morgue was erected, and some needful repairs done to the bathroom floors. The state of repair of the asylum is now fairly satisfactory.

General Observations.—Efforts were made to lessen expenditure by reducing the number of warders, but, after a careful trial, it was found necessary to return to somewhat near the former staff. Discipline was kept up to the standard of former years, and a large majority of the staff discharged their duties in a satisfactory manner. The character of the warder under whose immediate care a patient is placed is a powerful factor in treatment; and knowing the patience, tact, and sympathy which are required to be exercised every hour of the day towards the mentally afflicted, it is more than doubtful if the present plan of selection of the warder staff tends to give the maximum of advantage to the inmates of this asylum. It may also be pointed out that the means at the disposal of the Superintendent to reward the willing, or to urge on the less zealous officials, are of a very limited nature.

Inspections.—Four visits were paid by the Inspector of Lunatic Asylums during the year, and the official visitors, Messrs. Gamson, Banfield, Hewitt, and Tuson, inspected the asylum twice a month.

JAMES V. MCCREERY,

Medical Superintendent.

INSPECTOR'S REPORTS.

4th February.—Made a special visit with Mr. Barratt, of the Public Works Department, to decide as to the most urgent works and repairs to be executed during the present financial year.

Made partial inspection of the asylum, which now contains a total of 113 inmates in excess of the proper number. This is a state of matters which demands prompt remedy, and this can only be given effectually by additional building.

The question of making wide the verandah in the male hospital ward was considered, and, though it was deemed desirable, the conclusion arrived at was that for the present blinds of striped linen would suffice, and a permanent alteration might be made when there were available funds.

The patients generally and the part of the asylum which I saw were in a satisfactory state.

3rd June.—During yesterday and to-day I have made official inspection of this asylum.

Since the 12th of December in last year the following changes have taken place :—

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Admitted	28	14	42
Discharged	7	8	15
Died when on leave	1	—	1
Died in the asylum	9	7	16
Transferred	—	1	1
Allowed on leave	9	4	13
Returned from leave	6	5	11
Remaining	234	189	423

The accommodation is estimated for 164 males and 140 female patients, or a total of 304, so that there is an excess of 70 men and 49 women, or a total of 119, over the proper number. The overcrowding thus caused is detrimental in all respects to the interests of the patients and the order and discipline of the establishment, and must sooner or later lead to disastrous results, unless a remedy be provided by the erection of additional buildings.

Two men and 2 women were in bed at the time of my visit, and one of the latter had a black eye from a fall in an epileptic fit. I found no one in restraint or in seclusion, and it is satisfactory to record that, owing to the persistent efforts of the Medical Superintendent and the staff, there is very rarely occasion to resort to these means of control. The deaths since last report have been from ordinary causes, and there has been no important casualty. A few cases of measles occurred recently, but they were of a mild type, and the patients made good recoveries.

Of the works and repairs mentioned in previous reports, a portion, including the morgue, will be undertaken immediately, and a schedule of the latter has been submitted to the Chief Secretary with a view to provision being made for them on the Estimates of the coming financial year.

The work of substituting out-door closets for those within the building has been further carried out with appreciable benefit.

Tank water is now used to a large extent for laundry purposes in place of that from the reservoir, and, when certain appliances are put into working order, it will be much more extensively employed, and a considerable saving will be thereby effected.

Owing to the long drought of last summer and autumn, the supplies from the farm and garden have not been so good as usual; but the garden dam having been deepened, it is hoped that before next summer sufficient water will have been stored to admit of free irrigation.

Examination of the stores disclosed nothing which calls for special mention; but, in seeing the dinners served to the male patients yesterday, I had occasion to complain of the poor and flavorless quality of the broth which formed a portion of the meal, and the special attention of the cook was directed to the necessity for improvement.

With reference to the reduction now being gradually made in the proportion of warders to patients, Dr. McCreery informs me that he already finds no little difficulty in working with the smaller staff, especially in the male division; and I find that he has been compelled to close one small ward in the day-time, and to place the idiot boys who occupied it in a larger room amongst adult patients. This very objectionable arrangement should be brought to an end as soon as possible by building separate cottages for idiots, as suggested in several former reports.

It appears probable that with a reduced staff there must be some abridgment of the accustomed leave, and I have requested Dr. McCreery to give the matter his careful consideration, and to communicate with me on the subject.

The several books and records have been seen and signed, and the recent orders of admission were found to be in proper form.

26th August.—During yesterday and to-day I have officially inspected this asylum.

Since the last visit, 16 male patients and 7 females have been admitted; 10 males and 3 females discharged; 7 males and 5 females have died in the asylum, and 1 male died when absent on leave. The numbers now under care are 237 males and 188 females, being a total of 425, or 121 persons in excess of the estimated capacity of the building. As there is no available space for this number at any of the other asylums, and it is dangerous to continue such overcrowding, the only course is to erect additional buildings on the reserve. The following are recommended :—Detached hospital wards for 30 men and 20 women; a cottage at the homestead for 20 men; a cottage for 20 male imbeciles and idiots; and a cottage for 20 convalescent females; giving accommodation in all for 70 male and 40 female patients.

On the first day of my inspection the weather was wet and cold, and nearly all the patients were in the wards; nevertheless there was little excitement amongst them, and I heard no complaints except of undue detention from inmates who were found on examination quite unfit to be set at liberty.

I found only 1 man (who was laboring under maniacal excitement) in seclusion; no one was in restraint; a few feeble and paralysed patients were in bed, but there was no case of active disease. In the male division, however, were many in failing health, whose malady must have a fatal ending at no distant date.

The house was clean and in good order, and the atmosphere in every part free from taint.

The food was good ; and I was glad to find that the broth which formed part of the dinner of boiled meat, and of which I had occasion to complain in a former report, was savoury and palatable, with abundance and variety of herbs and vegetables.

The stores were in excellent order, and I found no reason to complain of the quality of any of the supplies.

Having gone very carefully into the question of reducing the warders' staff, I am satisfied that with the present number it is impossible to work efficiently and safely with less than 22 male and 15 female warders, in addition to an hospital warder in each division.

Occupations and amusements are as heretofore. About 113 men and 90 women are employed in variety of useful work.

Farm and garden occupations are carried on satisfactorily, and there is a good yield of all descriptions of produce for the use of the establishment.

The several books and registers have been seen and signed, and the recent orders of admission have been examined and found in proper form.

16th December.—Since the last visit on the 26th August, 5 males and 16 females have been admitted, 3 males and 11 females have been discharged, and 12 males and 6 females have died ; 1 male was discharged on bond, 1 male escaped, 3 males and 2 females returned from leave, and 6 males and 3 females were allowed to be absent from the asylum on probation for specified periods, under the provisions of section 60 of the Lunacy Statute. The numbers now remaining are 222 males and 186 females ; total, 408—a diminution of 17 in the population at the date of my last entry, but still an excess of 104 over the estimated accommodation. To meet the want of space, I repeat the recommendation contained in the last and 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 males—imbeciles and idiots ; and a cottage for 20 convalescent females ; or, on the whole, for 110 patients.

The present warder staff consists of 21 men and 14 women, in addition to a hospital warder for each division. An additional male warder has been appointed, and will enter on duty in a few days, and it is necessary to add 1 to the strength of the female staff without delay. It may be necessary to make still further additions, but I consider the above number will suffice for the present, and this opinion had the concurrence of the Board of Visitors and of the Medical Superintendent, with whom I conferred on the subject yesterday.

In passing through the asylum, I found 11 men in bed, 3 of them recovering from recent attack of diarrhœa, and the remainder suffering from debility and various chronic diseases. In the female division 5 were confined to bed—1 by diarrhœa and 4 by debility and the infirmity of old age.

The deaths have been from ordinary causes, calling for no special comment, except in the case of an old man of 76, sent from the Ballarat Benevolent Asylum, who died only about six weeks after admission. I am constrained to reiterate my often repeated conviction that it is highly improper to send patients of such an age and in feeble health from institutions which are largely subsidized by the Government to lunatic asylums, the space of which ought not to be occupied by helpless imbeciles, who need only food, nursing, and shelter, and are in no way dangerous to themselves or others.

There are recorded in the medical journal several cases of restraint by gloves on account chiefly of destructive tendencies, but there is only one instance of a camisole having been used, and a very small amount of seclusion.

All parts of the asylum were in good order in every respect, and I was satisfied with the condition of the females in regard to dress ; but I thought the clothing of the men required considerable attention, and I pointed this out to the Medical Superintendent.

The returns from the farm and garden have been fairly satisfactory.

Two of the airing courts in the male division have been in a great measure disused of late, owing to reduction of staff and other causes ; but Dr. McCreery proposes now to resume the use of the front court, and to have the corresponding space in the female division more generally and extensively occupied by patients. I suggested that many of the male hospital patients might be seated under the front verandah in suitable weather, and that efforts should be made in other ways to spread the patients over a considerable space of ground, instead of congregating them, as at present, in the centre of the yard.

In regard to works and buildings, the morgue, so long and so much needed, has been completed. Repairs have been effected to baths and bathrooms, and sculleries have been altered into a dormitory for 5 patients. Necessary repairs to the kitchen are to be carried out at an early date.

There is nothing new to record respecting occupations or amusements.

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

APPENDIX D.

LUNATIC ASYLUM, BEECHWORTH.

TABLE I.—Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1881.

				Males.	Females.	Total.
In the asylum on 1st January 1881	...	...	...	256	195	451
				Males.	Females.	Total.
Admitted for the first time	...	...	...	20	4	24
Re-admitted	...	...	...	2	...	2
Transferred during the year	...	...	...	...	1	1
Retaken	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total admitted	...	...	...	22	5	27
Total under care during the year	...	...	...	278	200	478
				Males.	Females.	Total.
Discharged, removed, &c. :—	...	...	...	9	6	15
Recovered	...	...	...	4	1	5
Improved	...	...	...	...	...	...
Transferred	...	...	...	2	...	2
Escaped	...	...	...	8	5	13
Died	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total discharged, died, &c., during the year	...	...	...	23	12	35
Remaining in the asylum on the 31st December 1881 (inclusive of absent on trial, males and females)	...	...	...	255	188	443
Average numbers resident during the year	...	...	...	254	190	444

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 1881.

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.															
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	3	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	...	...	...	2	4	6	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	2.40	2.80
1880	18	8	26	15	8	23	...	...	...	1	...	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

TABLE III.—Showing the Causes of Death during the Year 1881.

Cause of Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Cerebral or spinal diseases :—			
Apoplexy and paralysis	2	...	2
General paresis	1	...	1
Inflammation and other diseases of the brain, softening, tumors, &c.	...	1	1
Thoracic diseases :—			
Inflammation of the lungs, pleuræ, and bronchi	3	...	3
Pulmonary consumption	1	4	5
Disease of the heart	1	...	1
Total	8	5	13

TABLE IV.—Showing the Length of Residence of those Discharged Recovered and of those who have Died during the Year 1881.

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

TABLE V.—Showing the Ages of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1881.

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 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 10 " 15 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
" 15 " 20 " ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 20 " 30 " ...	3	2	5	1	3	4	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
" 30 " 40 " ...	4	2	6	1	2	3	2	...	2	2	1	3	3
" 40 " 50 " ...	7	1	8	2	1	3	1	...	1	1	2	3	3
" 50 " 60 " ...	2	...	2	2	...	2	2	...	2	4	...	4	4
" 60 " 70 " ...	2	...	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	1	1
" 70 " 80 " ...	1	...	1
" 80 " 90 "	1	1	1
" 90 and upwards
Unknown ...	3	...	3	2	...	2	1	...	1
Total ...	22	5	27	9	6	15	6	1	7	8	5	13	13

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TABLE VI.—FARM ACCOUNT.

Cr.

—	At per	Rate.	Amount.	—	At per	Rate.	Amount.
To Wages—			£ s. d.	By 1,870 lbs. bacon and			£ s. d.
Farm bailiff ...	annum	£100	100 0 0	pork ...	cental	10/	9 7 0
Carter ...	...	£62/10	62 10 0	709 " veal ...	"	10/	3 10 10
Warders ...	...	...	45 13 2	20 " poultry ...	"	10/	0 2 0
Allowances—				639½ " butter ...	lb.	/6	15 19 9
Rations to 3 persons ...	...	...	39 0 0	240½ doz. eggs ...	dozen	1/	12 0 7
Fuel, light, and water ...	...	...	10 0 0	29,826 qts. milk ...	quart	/4	497 2 0
Purchase of—				261¼ tons firewood ...	ton	3/2	41 8 5
Seeds ...	...	...	34 3 10	8,077 lbs. turnips ...	lb.	/1	33 13 1
Implements and tools ...	...	...	22 0 2	Sales (stock and hides)	...	...	20 8 6
Stock ...	...	...	24 10 0	Work done unconnected			
Manure ...	...	...	10 2 5	with the farm, 212½			
Fuel, light, and water				days' labor, carter and			
(farm buildings) ...	...	...	39 5 0	horses ...	diem	10/	106 4 0
Repairs farm imple-				Fodder grown and con-			
ments, &c. ...	...	...	10 11 0	sumed—			
Incidentals (including				32 tons hay ...	cental	3/6	125 8 9
shoeing) ...	...	...	18 9 5	4 " straw ...	"	1/8½	7 13 8
Grazing ...	...	...	14 6 9	20 " turnips ...	ton	20/	20 0 0
Forage for horses ...	...	...	50 4 6	36 " mangold ...	"	20/	36 0 0
" " cows ...	...	...	20 12 4	69¾ " green food ...	"	15/	52 6 3
Rent—				8,444 lbs. comfrey ...	"	15/	2 16 6
47 acres ...	acre	6/	14 2 0	17,940 " carrots ...	"	20/	8 0 2
102 acres ...	"	2/	10 4 0	11,000 " small pota-			
Labor, average 12 per-				toes ...	cental	2/	11 0 0
sons for 163½ days	diem	1/6	147 6 0	75 bushels wheat...	bushel	5/	18 15 0
Fodder grown and con-				7 bushels barley...	"	3/6	1 4 6
sumed	284 9 11	8 lbs. mangold seed	lb.	1/6	0 12 0
Balance (profit)	66 12 6	5 " turnip seed	"	2/	0 10 0
Total	1,024 3 0	Total	1,024 3 0

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TABLE VII.—GARDEN ACCOUNT.

Cr.

—	At per	Rate.	Amount.	—	At per.	Rate.	Amount.
To Wages—			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Gardener ...	annum	£90	90 0 0	By 74 lbs. artichokes			
Warders ...	...	...	40 8 4	118 ,, asparagus			
Labor, average 22				1,205 ,, beans ...			
patients, 207 $\frac{5}{2}$				554 ,, beetroot			
days ...	diem	1/6	341 18 6	48,627 ,, cabbages			
Allowances ...	...	...	16 4 4	5,163 ,, cauliflws.			
Purchase of—				155 ,, celery ...			
Seeds and tools	...	...	13 10 4	408 ,, cucumbers			
Manure ...	...	...	20 4 10	1,015 ,, lettuce ...			
Rent, 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres...	acre	40/0	25 10 0	16,337 ,, marrows,			
Fruit trees, 25 doz.				vegetable			
(from Kew) ...	doz.	10/0	12 10 0	993 ,, onions ...			
				14,968 ,, parsnips			
				1,183 ,, peas			
				1,302 ,, potatoes			
				32,801 ,, pumpkins			
				577 ,, radishes			
				2,964 ,, rhubarb			
				865 ,, soup vege-			
				tables			
				401 ,, turnips			
				846 ,, tomatoes			
				130,556 ,, vegetables	lb.	/1	543 19 8
Balance ...	...	...	41 17 10	9,316 ,, fruit ...	..	/1 $\frac{1}{2}$	58 4 6
Total ...	...	...	602 4 2	Total ...	...	...	602 4 2

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 ...	...	600	Aprons ...	20	80
„ women's...	...	86	Blankets ...	...	91
Canvas caps ...	12	7	Bonnets, sun ...	93	1,479
„ camisoles ...	...	22	Chemises, cotton ...	245	2,989
Coats ...	...	575	„ flannel ...	109	772
Gloves, leather ...	...	15	Curtains ...	20	...
Mattresses, hair, new ...	58	...	Drawers, osnaburg ...	20	710
„ „ re-made ...	8	...	„ serge ...	30	...
Pillows, hair, new ...	80	...	Dresses, canvas ...	...	776
„ „ re-made ...	2	...	„ linsey woolsey ...	189	3,460
Slippers ...	...	52	„ print ...	170	...
Straps, leather ...	20	63	Gowns, night ...	...	384
Trousers ...	...	2,485	Petticoats, cotton ...	90	1,802
Waistcoats ...	...	91	„ flannel ...	110	1,041
Repairs, general ...	...	35	Pillowslips ...	120	1,797
			Rugs, woollen ...	...	405
			Sheets ...	650	3,464
			Shirts, cotton ...	545	3,488
			„ serge ...	130	1,186
			Socks and stockings ...	71	3,460
			Shrouds ...	21	...
			Tablecloths ...	...	439
			Ticks, bed ...	67	627
			„ pillow ...	100	449
			Trousers ...	...	1,340
			Towels ...	180	304
			Vests, flannel ...	...	778
			„ serge ...	155	...
			Waistcoats ...	...	208
			Coats ...	...	924
			Jumpers ...	...	1,866

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

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	Males.	Females.	Total.		Males.	Females.	Total.
Employments—				Amusements—			
Farm and garden ...	73	...	73	Consisting of dancing, reading, billiards, cards, dominoes, draughts, football, bowling, and drives in waggonette ...	74	72	146
Kitchen ...	4	...	4				
Laundry ...	...	18	18				
Servants ...	4	5	9				
Sewing-room ...	...	39	39				
Store ...	2	...	2				
Wards, airing courts, &c.	50	35	85				
Workshops ...	21	...	21				
Total ...	154	97	251	Attending Divine service ...	84	72	156

TABLE X.—STATISTICS, 1881.

—						Males.	Females.	Total.
Number of lunatics supposed curable on 31st December 1881 ...	...	...	...	...	...	5	3	8
" epileptic	...	...	...	...	...	5	8	13
" harmless imbeciles	...	...	...	...	...	38	27	65
" idiots, adults	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
" children under 15 years,,	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Chinese	...	...	...	...	...	24	1	25
Conditions as to marriage of those admitted during the year—								
Single ...	...	...	...	...	...	9	1	10
Married ...	...	...	...	...	...	11	3	14
Widowed ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Unknown ...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2
Number of lunatics who have been removed on probation during the year								
" recovered while on probation ...	...	...	...	...	...	8	5	13
" been removed on bond ...	...	...	...	...	...	6	5	11
" sent to asylum by their friends ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	4
" sent by police ...	...	...	...	...	...	17	1	18
" received from benevolent asylums, hospitals, and gaols	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	4
Amount of single-room accommodation ...	...	...	...	...	...	62	40	102
Average number requiring single-room accommodation throughout the year	...	...	...	...	...	50	34	84

Statistics.—In forwarding statistical returns with reference to the Beechworth Lunatic Asylum for the year 1881, I have the honor to state that, having only taken charge of the asylum on the 27th January 1882, I am not able to minutely enter into the condition of the asylum during the past year. The percentage of cases recovered and relieved on admissions during 1881 was 76.92, being considerably above the average for past years. The percentage of deaths was very low, being 2.92 on average numbers resident, as compared with 4.58 for 1880, and was considerably less than the average for past years. The causes of deaths, as shown by Table III., seem to have been of the ordinary character, and to call for no special remark. Table IV. shows the recovery of a female patient after the lapse of more than twelve years. Of the 4 patients received from hospitals and gaols, 1 died, after a residence of four months, from disease of the lungs and brain. A large amount of work has been done by patients in the manufacture of clothing and bedding, and in repair of such articles.

The Farm and Garden, &c.—Notwithstanding an unfavorable season, the gardens yielded an increased supply of vegetables, as compared with the year 1880, and but a slightly decreased quantity of fruit.

The farm products were largely in excess of those of previous years, upwards of 10,000 quarts of milk having been supplied over the quantity produced during 1880, and 639 lbs. of butter also having been sent to store.

Efforts are now being made to obtain additional grazing ground for the cattle, and, when a suitable paddock has been secured, the results from the farm are expected to be greatly improved. A suitable dairy is also much wanted, and is indispensable if butter is to be made during the summer months.

Divine Service.—Divine service was regularly held by Church of England, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic clergymen, and also by a Christian Chinese Missionary for the Chinese patients.

Casualties.—The following serious casualties are recorded in the casualty book :—"On the morning of 30th January 1881 patient Isaac Smith attempted to strangle himself by means of portion of a bandage, which had been allowed to remain on his leg to keep on dressing for an ulcer, and a small stick which he had secreted in his cell. The attempt was fortunately discovered by Night Warder Coakley in time to prevent the act of strangulation." "On the morning of 30th May 1881 patient Patrick Carroll received a severe kick on the perineum from patient Stephen Rosanette, which was followed by hemorrhage, &c., of a serious character. Enquiry was made by Dr. Watkins, and he attached no blame to any of the warders who were on duty at the time."

General Remarks.—Some very urgent repairs to bathrooms, sculleries, &c., were effected during the year, and a contract has been taken for other pressing repairs, but there still remain many more which should be attended to as early as possible. The general management and discipline of the asylum during the year seem to have been very satisfactory, and the order and cleanness throughout deserves special remark. Every effort appears to have been made to usefully employ the patients, both male and female, and all the usual amusements were provided for them.

Inspection.—The asylum has been inspected four times during the year by the Inspector of Asylums, and fifty-one visits of inspection were paid by the official visitors.

FRED. DESHON,
Acting Medical Superintendent.

INSPECTOR'S REPORTS.

25th February.—Yesterday I paid a special visit with two officers of the Public Works Department to decide which of the repairs required throughout the asylum are of the most immediate necessity, and to-day I have completed my official inspection for the quarter.

There are now 448 patients in the asylum, 255 males and 193 females, and of these 132 men and 98 women are employed in various ways. The patients were remarkably quiet and orderly at the time of my visit; only one—a male—was in bed, and no one was in restraint or seclusion. The asylum throughout was admirably clean, well ventilated, and thoroughly free from offensive odour.

The gardens have yielded during the past two months 21,045 lbs. vegetables of various kinds, 160 lbs. of potatoes, 6,212 lbs. of fruit; and from the farm have been sent to store—4,981 quarts milk, 50½ dozen eggs, and 140 lbs. veal.

I examined the provisions in the kitchen and the store, and found no reason to complain of the quality of any of the supplies.

A person living near the reserve having recently stated that diphtheria was caused in his family by the depositing of nightsoil within the asylum grounds, in the vicinity of his dwelling, I made minute personal enquiry into the matter, and came to the conclusion that the person referred to was in error in attributing the malady to such a cause.

30th June.—Made a visit of inspection this day. The medical superintendent, Dr. Watkins, being confined to bed by a severe wound, caused by the bite of a pig about ten days ago, the medical care and treatment of the patients has been undertaken by Dr. O'Brien, formerly resident medical officer at this asylum, and now practising in Beechworth, who makes a daily visit, and attends if called upon in case of emergency. I visited the wards, and saw most of the patients with Dr. O'Brien, who showed me the cases of urgent illness at present under active treatment; and I was thoroughly satisfied with the professional attention bestowed upon them. In view, however, of the probability that Dr. Watkins will not be able for duty for at least a month, and of the necessity for an acting medical superintendent to be resident, with legal power to deal with statutory notices and matters of administration and emergency, I consider it essential to terminate the present temporary arrangement as soon as possible; and I purpose making propositions to the Chief Secretary to this end immediately on my return to Melbourne.

Since my last visit on the 25th February, 9 patients have returned from leave, 12 have been admitted, 9 have been discharged, and 8 have died, leaving now under care a total of 441, of whom 253 are males and 188 females.

No special remark is called for respecting the general condition of the establishment, which is in the usual creditable order. The quality of food supplies does not call for any comment.

There has been an average yield of produce from the farm and garden, and about 50 tons of firewood have been obtained in the course of clearing the reserve.

Contracts have at length been taken for certain works and repairs which were placed on requisition after my last inspection with Mr. Barrett, of the Public Works Department, and it is expected that they will be executed without delay.

From the medical journal it appears that seclusion has been resorted to for brief periods in a few instances; that the camisole has been employed in a small number of cases, surgical reasons being assigned for several of them; that the deaths have been from ordinary causes; and that the only serious casualty was a severe laceration in the perineum of a male patient occasioned by another patient kicking him. I saw the man who was hurt, and he has now quite recovered from the effects of the injury.

17th September.—Since my last visit on 30th June and 1st and 2nd July 3 patients have been admitted and 4 discharged; 1 has escaped, 1 died, and 1 has been allowed on leave; the numbers in the asylum to-day being 250 males and 189 females, total 439; and of these 135 males and 93 females are described as working patients.

In passing through the building, which was everywhere scrupulously clean and neat, I found only one man and one woman in bed, and no one in seclusion or restraint. There were, however, many feeble patients in both divisions, and they appeared to me to be receiving every possible care and attention.

The routine work of the establishment is diligently and effectively carried on, as was shown by the number of patients of both sexes whom I saw engaged in various useful employments.

The returns from the farm and garden are good, and, during the past two months, 4,163 quarts of milk have been sent to store, besides eggs, pork, bacon, and veal, in considerable quantities, in addition to 22,116 lbs. of vegetables.

The dinner which I saw ready for issue consisted of boiled beef and broth, with potatoes and turnips, was abundant, well-cooked, and good.

I found no reason to complain of the quality of any of the stores, which all appeared to me to be equal to contract samples.

Workmen are at present engaged in repairs and works which have long been needed; and several other matters of great urgency, which are included in the present year's requisitions, should be proceeded with at the earliest possible date.

The several statutory books and orders for admissions have been examined and found in proper form.

9th December.—There are now 439 patients in the asylum, viz., 251 males and 188 females; 4 men and 1 woman were in bed, one of the former being in a somewhat dangerous state from pelvic abscess. During the past month many patients and several of the staff suffered from diarrhoea, but it yielded readily to treatment, and the epidemic has now passed away.

Amongst the men 135, and of women 98, are usefully employed in various ways, and I was glad to observe a small party of males, who have hitherto been generally destructive and violent, engaged quietly in sawing wood and conducting themselves with the utmost propriety.

Dr. Fishbourne, of the Kew Asylum (who is now officiating as medical superintendent in the absence of Dr. Watkins, temporarily acting in that capacity, at Sunbury), accompanied me through the building, which was in admirable order in every part, and gave evidence of vigilant supervision on the part of the officers, and of scrupulous attention by the warders and servants.

I spoke to many of the patients, and found them, generally speaking, contented; and none of them made any complaints to me. No one was under restraint or in seclusion at the time of my visit, and the records show a steady diminution in this kind of treatment.

Several repairs have recently been carried out, which will tend much to the comfort of the inmates; and a great improvement has been effected by putting up fixed sunshades to many of the windows, and I think it is highly desirable very greatly to increase their number when there are available funds.

Some necessary alterations in the kitchen will be undertaken shortly. Tenders have been called for repairs to the boundary fence; and it is proposed to make a dairy.

There are satisfactory statements of the farm and garden produce sent to store; all the milk and eggs required by the establishment have been supplied, besides a considerable quantity of butter, pork, and veal, abundance of different kinds of vegetables, and some firewood and fruit.

Divine service is performed regularly, and occupations and amusements are as heretofore.

Patients have not been taken for the usual drive recently, because the light-harness horse has been lame; but, as he is now fit for work, it is proposed to resume the afternoon trips, which undoubtedly give pleasure to many of the inmates, and have a beneficial effect.

The recent orders have been seen, and the statutory books have been found, on examination, to be in proper form.

APPENDIX E.

LUNATIC ASYLUM, SUNBURY.

TABLE I.—Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1881.

							Males.	Females.	Total.
In the asylum on 1st January 1881	...	...	...	...	...	...	224	254	478
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Admitted for the first time	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Re-admitted	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Transferred during the year	...	...	...	...	...	19	19	38	
Retaken	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	
Total admitted	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	19	40
Total under care during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	245	273	518
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Discharged, removed, &c. :—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Recovered	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	6	
Improved	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	
Transferred	...	...	...	...	...	6	5	11	
Escaped	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	
Died	...	...	...	...	...	8	5	13	
Total discharged, died, &c., during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	15	33
Remaining in the asylum on the 31st December 1881 (inclusive of absent on trial, males and females)	...	...	...	...	...	...	227	258	485
Average numbers resident during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	224	255	480

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 1881 (Ballarat and Sunbury).

Year.	Admitted.			Discharged.									Died.			Remaining on the 31st December in each Year.			Average Numbers Resident.			Percentage of Cases Recovered and Relieved on Admission.			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	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
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	...	...	...

TABLE III.—Showing the Causes of Death during the Year 1881.

Cause of Death.						Males.	Females.	Total.
Cerebral or spinal diseases :—								
Apoplexy and paralysis						1	1	2
Inflammation and other diseases of the brain, softening, tumors, &c. ...						2	...	2
Thoracic diseases :—								
Inflammation of the lungs, pleuræ, and bronchi						1	...	1
Pulmonary consumption						1	3	4
Disease of the heart						1	...	1
Abdominal diseases :—								
Dysentery and diarrhœa						2	...	2
Hydatid cyst of the liver ... ..						...	1	1
Total						8	5	13

TABLE IV.—Showing the Length of Residence of those Discharged Recovered, and of those who have Died during the Year 1881.

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

TABLE V.—Showing the Ages of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1881.

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 ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 10 " 15 " ... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
" 15 " 20 "	1	1	2	...	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	1
" 20 " 30 "	3	1	4	...	2	2	1	1	2	...	1	1
" 30 " 40 "	8	5	13	...	2	2	3	1	4	3	1	4
" 40 " 50 "	7	5	12	...	...	...	3	1	4	3	1	4
" 50 " 60 "	2	4	6	1	...	1	1	1	2	1	1	2
" 60 " 70 "	1	1
" 70 " 80 "	1	1	...	1	1
" 80 " 90 "
" 90 and upwards
Unknown	2	2
Total	21	19	40	1	5	6	9	5	14	8	5	13

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TABLE VI.—FARM ACCOUNT.

Cr.

—	At per	Rate.	Amount.	—	At per	Rate.	Amount.
To Wages—			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Farm bailiff ...	annum	£120	120 0 0	By 886 lbs. pork ...	lb.	0/2½	7 16 10
Carter ...	...	£60	60 0 0	675 ,, butter ...	„	/8	22 10 0
Warders ...	...	...	5 16 8	30,278 qts. milk ...	qt.	/3	378 9 6
Allowances—				5,457 lbs. potatoes	cental	4/2½	11 9 7
Rations to three persons ...	...	...	38 5 0	Sales (hides) ...	...	...	1 0 0
Fuel, light, and water ...	...	...	6 15 0	Work done unconnected with the farm 156 days' labor carter and horses ...	diem	10/	78 0 0
Purchase of—				Grazing cattle—			
Seeds ...	...	...	28 11 3	For Yarra Bend, average 31 head	head	20/	31 0 0
Implements and tools and shoeing ...	...	...	50 7 8	For Kew, average 45 head ...	„	20/	45 0 0
Stock ...	...	...	21 2 0	Fodder grown and consumed—			
Fuel, light, and water (farm buildings) ...	...	...	4 4 0	35 tons oaten hay	cental	3/	117 12 0
Repairs, farm implements, &c. ...	...	...	2 14 6	10 ,, grass hay	„	3/	33 12 0
Forage for horses ...	...	...	20 6 0	6 ,, barley, green	ton	15/	4 10 0
Rent—				14 cwt. maize ,,	„	15/	0 10 6
1,028 acres ...	acre	3/	154 4 0	Balance (loss) ...	...	...	171 15 2
Labor, average 10 persons for 313 days	diem	1/6	234 15 0				
Fodder grown and consumed	156 4 6				
Total	£903 5 7	Total	£903 5 7

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TABLE VII.—GARDEN ACCOUNT.

Cr.

—	At per	Rate.	Amount.	—	At per	Rate.	Amount.
To Wages—			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
Warders ...	...	...	34 9 2	By 17,697 lbs. cabbage			
Labor, average 8 persons 234 days ...	diem	1/6	140 8 0	1,045 ,, cauliflowers			
Rent 3½ acres ...	acre	40/	7 0 0	233 ,, lettuce			
Purchase of—				3,321 ,, pease			
Seeds ...	...	...	4 12 3	1,019 ,, radish			
Tools ...	...	...	0 10 0	1,574 ,, silver beet			
				80 ,, turnips			
				24,969 vegetables ...	lb.	1d.	104 0 9
				Balance (loss) ...	...	...	82 18 8
Total ...	...	...	£186 19 5	Total ...	...	...	£186 19 5

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

Male.				Female.			
Articles.	Made up. No.	Repaired. No.		Articles.	Made up. No.	Repaired. No.	
Aprons ...	2	...		Aprons ...	22	...	
Boots ...	...	747		Blankets ...	...	311	
Belts for engine ...	1	...		Bonnets, sun ...	200	4,566	
Coats ...	...	653		Blinds, holland ...	22	...	
Drawers, flannel ...	...	41		Chemises, cotton ...	309	4,566	
Dresses, canvas ...	...	141		" flannel ...	61	1,914	
Jumpers, " ...	...	1		Coats ...	75	324	
" serge ...	...	23		Caps, canvas ...	6	...	
Mattresses, hair ...	10	...		Cases, mattress ...	10	...	
Shirts, cotton ...	...	22		" pillow ...	10	...	
Ticks, bed ...	...	7		Dresses, linsey, &c. ...	376	5,207	
Trousers ...	...	924		" canvas ...	...	166	
Vests, flannel ...	...	234		Drawers, serge ...	34	46	
Waistcoats ...	...	83		Flags ...	1	...	
				Gowns, night... ..	10	...	
				Jackets, wool... ..	...	28	
				Jumpers, canvas ...	...	1	
				Petticoats, flannel ...	92	3,815	
				" cotton ...	460	4,453	
				Pillow slips ...	459	946	
				Shirts, cotton... ..	394	3,506	
				" serge ...	...	109	
				Sheets ...	483	1,044	
				Socks ...	...	4,186	
				Stockings ...	...	5,503	
				Shrouds ...	9	...	
				Tunics, boys ...	8	...	
				Towels, jack ...	87	...	
				Tablecloths ...	84	466	
				Ticks, bed ...	245	278	
				" pillow ...	208	...	
				Trousers ...	...	654	
				Vests, serge ...	107	168	
				Waistcoats ...	...	649	

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

—	Male.	Female.	Total.	—	Male.	Female.	Total.
Employments—				Amusements—			
Fancy work ...	...	...	...	Balls ...	...	...	...
Farm and garden ...	18	...	18	Concerts, one only held... ..	106	120	226
Household work ...	3	3	6	Cricket ...	120	...	120
Kitchen ...	3	...	3	Billiards ...	...	...	...
Laundry ...	1	28	29	Football ...	120	...	120
Sewing-room ...	...	40	40	Reading ...	90	50	140
Store... ..	1	...	1	Riding in waggonette ...	...	...	...
Wards ...	30	40	70	Walking ...	120	100	220
Workshops ...	8	...	8	Attending divine service ...	130	150	280

Statistics.—I find that the patients consist of the following, viz.; harmless imbeciles, men 90, women 112, total 202; idiots, males 11, females 4, total 15, all of whom are over 15 years of age; epileptics, males 9, females 12, total 21. The death rate is low as compared with the previous year.

Work.—A fair amount of work and repairs appear to have been done, especially considering the limited staff.

Casualties.—I find the following recorded in the casualty book. Male patient P. H. had his leg broken on the 5th March, by a fall received running against another patient when leaving his bath. Male patient J. D., on the 18th June, received some bruises on the leg and injury to the ribs. Male patient P. K., on the 3rd July, had his arm broken by being thrown over a bedstead in the dormitory by another patient.

Divine Service.—Divine services appear to have been regularly held, and a fair number of patients attended.

Amusements.—The principal amusements appear to have been walking and cricket. One dance has been given, which seemed to be greatly enjoyed.

Condition of the Buildings.—The various wards, with the exception of some little needful repairs and additions, are in fair condition, bearing in mind that the female hospital is an old wooden building, and cannot well rank with the others that are built of bluestone.

General Remarks and Management.—Shortly stated, my opinion is that the asylum was badly managed, and the condition I found matters in when I took charge, on the 10th November, far from being what I considered they ought to have been in a well managed establishment.

Inspection.—The dates of the Inspector of Asylum's visits are as follow, viz., the 26th January, 16th August, 11th October, and 7th November; and the Hon. W. J. Clarke official visitor, on the 26th April, and 3rd June.

W. L. WATKINS,
Acting Medical Superintendent.

INSPECTOR'S REPORTS.

16th August.—I visited and inspected this asylum to-day, passed through most of the wards, and saw many of the male patients at dinner. The food was good, well cooked, and cleanly served. The patients were very orderly, generally tidy in their dress, and for the most part in good health. Only one boy was in bed, suffering from disordered bowels, and one woman, for rest on account of ulcers of the legs. There are in the asylum to-day 231 men and 262 women, and Mr. Baldwin estimates that there is room for 10 men and 20 women.

Repairs and works are being carried out by a contract under the Public Works Department, and additional repairs are required, especially to the kitchen range. It is absolutely necessary to take steps for an improved water supply.

11th October.—Special visit to examine Elizabeth Taylor, and made report on her case in the papers connected with it. Examined Ellen Cosgrove, who is reported to be violent and at times dangerous, and should be transferred to Kew Asylum. The portions of the asylum I saw were very clean and in good order, and the patients were neat in dress and orderly in behaviour. There are now 228 men and 257 women in the asylum, and there is estimated space for 237 men and 282 women.

No steps have been taken to improve the water supply, which is in a very unsatisfactory state, and should have attention at once.

A verbal complaint was made by the under laundress against the head laundress that she would not allow the furnace to be lighted, so that the work could be done. I made such enquiry as time permitted, and directed that if the head laundress obstructed the work or refused orders she should be suspended from duty pending the report of the board of enquiry.

7th December.—Visited and examined Charles McCarthy O'Cleary, who was brought under my notice by Dr. Watkins. After conversation, I concluded that the patient was not altogether of sound mind, but advised his removal to Kew that he might have an opportunity of seeing a clergyman of his church, with whom he was formerly in correspondence. I also saw Rose M. King, who appeared convalescent and fit for discharge. Mr. Walker had an interview on a matter affecting himself, papers respecting which are in the office.

No action has yet been taken to improve the water supply beyond laying bare some of the pipes, under direction of an officer of the Public Works Department. It is a matter of the most vital importance that there should be no further delay, as want of promptitude may seriously involve the health of the inmates.

APPENDIX F.

BENDIGO GOLD DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

TABLE I.—Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1881. In the Lunacy Ward.

							Males.	Females.	Total.
In the ward on 1st January 1881
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Admitted for the first time	...	...	...	...	...	16	13	29
Re-admitted	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Transferred during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Retaken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total admitted	...	...	...	...	...	16	14	30
Total under care during the year	...	...	...	...	...	16	14	30
							Males.	Females.	Total.
Discharged, removed, &c. :—									
Recovered	...	...	...	...	...	7	8	15
Improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Transferred	...	...	...	...	...	8	5	13
Escaped	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Died	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total discharged, died, &c., during the year	...	...	...	...	...	15	13	28
Remaining in the ward on the 31st December 1881 (inclusive of absent on trial, males and females)	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2

APPENDIX I.

TABLE showing the Number of Patients Visited and the Number of Miles Travelled by the Inspector of Lunatic Asylums during the Year 1881.

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 :				
					25th February ...	448		355	
					30th June ...	441		355	
Kew Asylum :					17th September ...	439		355	
5th April ...	753		2		9th December ...	439		355	
17th May ...	752		2				1,767		1,420
5th August ...	756		2		Sunbury Asylum :				
12th August ...	765		2		16th August ...	493		59½	
13th September ...	764		2		11th October ...	485		59½	
28th September ...	772		2		7th December ...	479		59½	
13th October ...	777		2				1,457		178½
20th October ...	780		2		Cremorne Asylum :				
21st December ...	796		2		29th March ...	18		6	
		6,915		18	1st September ...	16		6	
Ararat Asylum :					27th December ...	14		6	
4th February ...	417		328				48		18
3rd June ...	423		328		Totals ...		11,860		2,946½
26th August ...	425		328						
16th December ...	408		328						
		1,673		1,312					

* Visited by Board of Official Visitors—Dr. Barker, Chairman; Drs. Youl, Campbell, and Ifia; and Messrs. Masou and Dixon.

APPENDIX K.

LICENSED HOUSE FOR THE INSANE, CREMORNE.

TABLE I.—Showing the Admissions, Re-admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1881.

	Males.	Females.	Total.
In the house on 1st January 1881 ...	9	5	14
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Admitted for the first time ...	29	11	40
Re-admitted ...	42	2	44
Transferred during the year ...	...	...	...
Retaken ...	...	...	...
Total admitted ...	71	13	84
Total under care during the year ...	80	18	98
	Males.	Females.	Total.
Discharged, removed, &c. :—			
Recovered ...	72	8	80
Improved ...	...	1	1
Transferred ...	2	1	3
Escaped ...	...	1	1
Died ...	...	...	...
Total discharged, died, &c., during the year ...	74	11	85
Remaining in the house on the 31st December 1881 (inclusive of absent on trial, males and females) ...	6	7	13
Average numbers resident during the year ...	9	6	15

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 1881.

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.														
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	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1869	33	20	53	23	15	38	1	1	2	3	1	4	4	1	5	7	8	15	7	14	..	..	..	..	..	..
1870	36	15	51	25	14	39	2	..	2	4	2	6	2	..	2	10	7	17	8	7	15	..	..	..	..	..
1871	37	7	44	28	6	34	4	..	4	5	1	6	2	..	2	7	8	15	8	7	15	..	..	..	..	..
1872	35	12	47	25	11	36	2	..	2	4	1	5	1	..	1	10	8	18	7	7	15	..	..	..	..	..
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	..	..	..	1	..	1	7	9	16	7	6	13	..	..	..	..	..
1875	25	12	37	19	9	28	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	..	1	10	9	19	7	7	14	..	..	..	..	..
1876	36	12	48	32	10	42	5	1	6	2	..	2	..	..	..	9	10	19	9	8	17	..	..	..	..	..
1877	39	10	49	29	6	35	4	..	4	1	2	3	..	..	..	14	12	26	10	11	21	..	..	..	..	..
1878	44	8	52	42	5	47	5	2	7	3	1	4	..	..	..	8	11	19	10	10	20	..	..	..	..	..
1879	59	17	76	49	13	62	3	2	5	3	2	5	1	..	1	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	3	4	3	..	3	9	5	14	6	15	96.42	130.00	101.51	33.33	5	
1881	71	13	84	72	8	80	..	3	4	1	2	3	..	..	6	7	13	9	6	15	101.40	69.23	96.42	..	20.00	

TABLE III.—Showing the Length of Residence of those Discharged Recovered and of those who have Died during the Year 1881.

Length of Residence.	Recovered.			Died.		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Under 1 month ...	66	5	71	..	..	..
From 1 to 3 months	1	2	3	..	..	..
" 3 " 6 "	2	1	3	..	..	..
" 6 " 9 "	1	..	1	..	..	..
" 9 " 12 "	1	..	1	..	..	..
" 1 " 2 years	1	..	1	..	..	..
" 2 " 3 "	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 3 " 5 "	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 5 " 7 "	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 7 " 10 "	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 10 " 12 "	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 12 " 15 "	..	..	..	..	..	..
Over 15 years ...	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ...	72	8	80	..	..	..

TABLE IV.—Showing the Ages of Admissions, Discharges, and Deaths during the Year 1881.

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 "	8	..	8	7	1	8	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
" 30 " 40 "	14	2	16	20	..	20	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
" 40 " 50 "	24	5	29	33	5	38	1	1	2	..	..	..	..
" 50 " 60 "	15	4	19	12	2	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 60 " 70 "	10	2	12	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
" 70 " 80 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" 80 " 90 "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
90 and upwards	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Unknown	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ...	71	13	84	72	8	80	2	3	5	..	..	..	..