

THE
R E P O R T
OF THE VISITORS
OF THE WEST-RIDING
PAUPER
LUNATIC ASYLUM,

For the Year 1851.

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REPORT OF THE VISITORS.

The year 1851 has afforded but few events on which to found a Report.

Health of Patients.

The health of the patients has been generally good, and there has not been any instance of infectious or epidemic disorder.

Admissions.

The admissions during the year have been

MALES 132

FEMALES 131

TOTAL..... 263

Deaths.

The deaths have amounted to

MALES 57

FEMALES 39

TOTAL..... 96

These have been occasioned in general by old age, or by the debility naturally produced by a diseased brain.

New
Building.

The experience of the past year has tended to confirm the opinion formerly expressed of the excellence of the New Building. The elevation of the site, the loftiness of the apartments, the cheerfulness of the views, and the airiness of the Buildings and Courts, all tend very much to relieve incipient maladies and to promote convalescence and recovery.

Patients
discharged.

The number of Patients discharged cured during the year have been—

MALES 53

FEMALES 78

TOTAL.....131

Domestic
Offices.

The domestic offices connected with these buildings for washing, brewing and cooking, give entire satisfaction, and generally the whole establishment has been conducted in such a manner as to meet the wishes and command the approbation of the Visitors, and of such other persons as have inspected it.

General
observations

The gratitude of many of the Patients who have been restored has in many instances been very strongly expressed.

In such an Institution there will always be a considerable number of persons for whose recovery no hope can be entertained, their faculties are gradually impaired and nothing remains for them but the decay of age and consequent death, mitigated however by all that science, attention, and experience can do to abate

their sufferings, and to secure them and others from bodily harm. But the power the Visitors now have of giving immediate admission to cases in their early stages, enables the medical and curative process to be applied at the period when it may have been the best, and ordinarily, the only hope of success.

Admission
of Paupers
only.

Every exertion is made to confine the admission to *paupers* only, and the Justices are entreated to be very vigilant in preventing the Parish Officers from obtaining Warrants of Commitment for persons not really chargeable to the Townships. They are also further requested to see that the commitments granted are very carefully filled up.

Officers and
Servants.

The Officers of the Asylum have given perfect satisfaction.

H. W. WICKHAM,
Chairman.

