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LONDON ASYLUM, August 30th, 1881.

This Asylum was examined yesterday and to-day, being the third inspection during the current official year. The movements of patients since the 2nd of July have been as follows:—Registered on that date, 418 males and 418 females; admitted since, 18 males and 20 females, making a total of 874; during the same period there were discharged 9 males and 7 females; died, 4 males and 1 female; eloped, 1 female, leaving on the Register to-day, 423 males and 429 females, of whom there were out on probation 4 males and 11 females, and 2 males who had escaped, leaving in actual residence 417 males and 418 females, or a total of 835.

During my two days' stay I saw every one of the 835 patients, and took full notes of their condition and appearance and of the special facts and circumstances connected with their respective cases. The roll was also checked, showing where the patients had been received from, the date of their admission, and the prospects of treatment.

The distribution of patients throughout the Asylum is as follows:—In the wards of Main Asylum, 521; in the three cottages, 180; and in the Refractory Asylum, 134. The condition of the patients in the Main Asylum was generally satisfactory, particularly in the female wards; and at the Cottages the patients lodged there could not be more comfortable. There was a slight improvement in the appearance of the patients in the Refractory Wards, and fewer were in canvass.

The health of the patients has been good during the past two months and the rate of mortality very low, although an unusually large number of patients—viz., 16 men and 18 women were found in bed during the day; of these numbers, 6 on the female side and 8 on the male are almost constantly confined to bed, but the remaining 20 were only suffering or had retired to bed temporarily. There was a very little excitement of a boisterous kind in the wards of the Main Asylum.