

vidual case. This he has done. Taking all the persons admitted into the Scotch asylums for the first time during one year, and for twelve years thereafter, he gives the results of these cases and shows what had become of them; what was the mental condition of those who recovered, and in what condition mentally were those who had died, at the time of their death.

The total number of patients admitted for the first time into the asylums of Scotland in the year 1858 was 1,297. Twelve years after this date, or in 1870, he found that 412 of this number had died insane in the asylums, and that 273 of that number remained as inmates; 612 of the total number first observed had disappeared, but the history of 411 of these was traced, and he reports that 136 of these remained insane, 42 died insane, and 94 were living but still insane; that 275 had recovered—78 of these had died not insane, and 197 were still living in 1870 and were not insane. The histories of 201 were not capable of being traced. Thus he traces the histories, during twelve years, of 1,096 patients who had been admitted in 1858, all being first admissions. Hence, in general terms, three-fourths of the whole number remained insane or had died insane, and one-fourth had recovered; a certain number having died in full possession of their mental faculties. This yields a percentage of 25.09 of recoveries and is very far below the number as popularly believed to be recoveries—or as yielding 75 to 90 per cent of recoveries of all cases subjected to treatment.

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