

took place in the first ten years might have been avoided, had the patients been longer detained under treatment after their first admission.

Since the date of my last report in triplicate to His Excellency the Governor General, to the Honorable the Legislative Council, and to Your Honorable House, on 17th June, 1854, being a period of one year and eight months, there have been admitted into this Asylum 167 patients, consisting of 97 males and 70 females.

The deaths have amounted to 40, of which 27 have occurred in males and 13 in females.

The discharges (including elopements) in same period, have been 129, of which 84 have been of males, and 45 of females.

The general health of the establishment has been uniformly good. In the months of July, August and September, 1854, when malignant cholera so severely visited Toronto, and almost every other town in Canada, the Asylum entirely escaped the disease; this was a merciful dispensation of Providence for which the inmates and their friends cannot but be most thankful.

About 60 females lunatics, for whose admission application has been made, await the occurrence of vacancies; but from the present full state of the female wards, the large number of incurables lodged in them, and the confirmed and hopeless character of the great majority of female cases, for some time past admitted, there is every reason to apprehend a large increase on the above arrearage within the current year.

The Asylum requires many little improvements to render it more suitable to its curative purpose than it has yet been.

In the winter season the want of employment and amuse-