

In the two and a half years of Dr. Scott's incumbency following the first ten years, and immediately preceding my appointment, the proportion of discharges to admissions, appears to have been only  $47\frac{1}{3}$  to 100 ; but in this time Dr. Scott had only 14 relapses from the patients admitted and discharged by himself in the above two and a half years ; and he made 40 re-admissions from the relapsing patients of his predecessors.

These 40 added to the 230 above noted, amount to a large drawback on the discharges, or recorded cures of the first ten years, and very materially change the ratio between discharges (properly so called) and admissions.

The relapsing patients re-admitted as above shewn, 284 times, up to the end of the first  $12\frac{1}{2}$  years were 188 in number, and of these 57 are at present living in the Asylum.

In the 2 years and  $7\frac{1}{2}$  months since 1st July, 1853, the date at which I assumed the medical charge, 45 patients of the relapsing class have been re-admitted, the majority only once, and a few twice or thrice, the total re-admissions amounting to 66.

Of these 45 patients, 12 had been first admitted and discharged by myself, and 33 were derived from the stock of discharges prior to my incumbency.

Of the above 45 relapsing patients, 20 are now in the Asylum, 17 are at home, 3 are in the Asylum for criminal lunatics at Kingston, and 5 are dead.

The decrease in the re-admissions of discharged patients in the latter years of the Institution, as compared with the earlier period of its existence, is attributable to the greater circumspection which has been exercised in abstaining from discharges before recovery has been confirmed. A certain proportion of recurrent cases will always be met with ; but it is more than probable that many of those relapses which