
once. Some of these have had periods of home enjoyment varying from three to five years or more.

It is owing to our system of discharging "on probation," that we have so few relapsed cases to register here, and the proportion above enumerated will be acknowledged as exceptionally low, and as being consequently all the more satisfactory in a professional light.

Deaths.

The mortality rate, although less than in several previous years, was slightly—about 1 per cent.—in excess of last year.

There were twenty-five deaths in all; four having succumbed to debility and old age, and two to the exhaustion consequent upon Mania and Melancholia. One died from Heart Disease, one from Disease of Kidney, and one from Cancer. Three died from Epilepsy, three from Paresis, four from Apoplexy or Paralysis, and six from Pulmonary Phthisis; one of whom had recovered from his insanity.

It is satisfactory to note that no suicide, nor any serious accident, occurred; all the deaths were from natural causes.

Extending over a period of nearly twenty years the low rate of six per cent—6%—on the average number under care, will be acknowledged as a very gratifying result.

Decease of Non-Resident Officers.

During the past year we have been deprived by death of one of our respected Chaplains, Mr. Hunt; and our worthy Bursar, Mr. Thos. McCulloch; as well as of our esteemed Clerk of Works, Mr. Reid.

The Rev. A. S. Hunt, Superintendent of Education, who, for more than ten years past, has officiated here on the third Sunday of every month, was summoned, after a short illness, to a better world. During the whole period of his ministrations at the Hospital, he imparted hope and encouragement to the desponding, sympathy to the suffering, and most excellent counsel to those able to profit by it. He is greatly missed, not only by the patients, but also by the officers and attendants.

Mr. McCulloch, who had long been in delicate health, was suddenly prostrated by recurrence of Pulmonary Hæmorrhage, from which he never rallied. The loss to the Hospital was serious, since he was admirably adapted for the post he occupied, by his thorough knowledge of business, his gentlemanly deportment, his unwavering