

explanation of the apparent anomalous similarity between insanity and some of the mental phenomena of pulmonary consumption? The question appears to me to be one deserving of consideration. I put it, more with the desire of bringing the subject under the consideration of the medical profession, and thereby of subjecting it to abler scrutiny than I can pretend to bestow upon it, than with any wish to establish any particular theory; for in reality I have no theory on the subject. I have merely had the spirit of enquiry aroused, by contemplation of a certain catenation, or conjectured catenation, of facts; and I would trust that some clearer and abler heads may follow up the subject.

I trust it is unnecessary in this report to detail the various domestic operations of this institution. Your Board, both in the regular quarterly meetings, which generally extend over several days, and in the inter-current visitations by individual members, have had ample opportunity of observing the whole working of the institution; and it is no less just to you than to myself, to say that your examination of every department has been thorough. I think you are cognizant of the fact that industry is our rule, and that our patients perform as much labor as is compatible with their bodily condition. I abstain, therefore, from exhibiting to the public in these pages those statements of various sorts of work which various other chiefs of asylums, in this country and in Europe, seem to find gratification in furnishing. In a large institution such as this, if the Medical Superintendent efficiently discharges all the most important duties of his office, it seems to me he may well be excused from the labor of tabulating all the eggs furnished by the asylum poultry, or the various operations of the pig-sties; neither do I believe it will be expected that he should detail all the products of the tailor's shop, or of the women's work-room. An intelligent and observant Board of Inspectors can hardly require such statistics as these; and it is very doubtful if the public attach much importance to them.

I have, at the request of your Board, compiled the following three tables, recommended by the Imperial Report of 1861 on *Colonial Hospitals and Lunatic Asylums*. I append to the third table—"Obituary"—some *post mortem* observations, which could not possibly be condensed into columnar arrangement.

TABLE I.

No. remaining, 1st Jan.	Admitted during	Average inmates in	Deaths in	DISCHARGES.	AVERAGE STAY IN ASYLUM.	Number entered	Number remaining
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