

their own families. It is in this light the Inspectors view the question, while on the other hand, they have, without ceasing, represented to the Government that the space allotted to lunatics in our asylums is insufficient.

But with respect to the Toronto Asylum (the principal asylum only is in question here), is a population of 400 lunatics excessive, and would the attaining of that total be attended with danger? The Inspectors think not, and rest their opinion upon the statistics of the establishment itself, which, under the excellent management of Dr. Workman, prove that the keeping up of the number of lunatics from 350 to 400 has never produced any increase in the amount of mortality, nor any proportionate diminution in the number of discharges which, relatively and to a certain point, indicate the number of cures.

The following table shews the number of lunatics at the end of the year, the number of deaths and the number of discharges for each year, since 1857. The table applies to the principal asylum only:—

Year.	Population.	Deaths.	Discharges.
1857.....	397	34	94
1858.....	400	18	57
1859.....	316	38	39
1860.....	345	36	69
1861.....	348	45	91
1862.....	347	25	78
1863.....	380	25	87

NOTE.—In the compilation of the above table, some errors have been made, which appear to me to demand explanation.

The population of the chief asylum has been assumed to have been, throughout the respective years, the same as on the last day of each year. This statement is very incorrect. The year 1859 is shewn by the table, to have been that of lowest population, whereas it was the highest of all; for on the 14th June, before the removal to Malden of the first detachment of 20 patients, the number in the chief asylum was 414. On 3rd of October, a second detachment of 64 patients was sent to Malden, and on 17th December, a third of 62 patients, making in all 146, whose average residence was equal to about $9\frac{1}{2}$ months; or say equal to a whole year's residence of 126 patients; consequently, the average population for the year was not 316, but considerably over 400.

In 1860, 1861, and 1862, also, large detachments were sent to the Malden and Orillia branches. In 1863, only twelve patients were sent.—

The deaths in the *chief asylum*, in the several years, were as follows: