

DEATHS.

The deaths in 1861 have been 45, in a total of 796 patients under treatment in the year; or 5.65 per cent. In 1860, the deaths were 40, in a total of 709; or 5.36 per cent.

The 45 deaths were distributed thus:—

In Chief Asylum .....	39
In University Branch.....	3
In Malden " .....	3
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Sick or feeble patients have not been sent to the branches; it is easy, therefore, to understand why so large a proportion of the deaths have occurred in the Chief Asylum.

Three deaths occurred in patients admitted in a dying state; but such occur every year.

Diseases causing death in Chief Asylum and University Branch:—

Pulmonary Consumption.....	21
General Paralysis.....	7
Serous Apoplexy .....	4
Exhaustion of Old Age.....	3
Hydrothorax; hemorrhagic apoplexy; Bright's disease; acute maniacal exhaustion; spinal, with heart disease; spinal disease with paraplegia; suicide:—Each, 1.....	7
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Total.....	42

In perusing the reports of American Asylums, I have often been struck with the great difference presented by the bills of mortality in comparison with those of British Asylums, and with the details which I have compiled of this Asylum.

In the year 1861, I have ascribed 21 deaths, in 42, to pulmonary consumption; and I am certain I have not over-rated the number.

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