

there were in the hospital on October 21st (?) forty-seven patients, and that the asylum on the 19th contained forty-nine inmates, with a mortality of five between June 18th and October 19th.

The actual answers to the interrogatories were not forwarded till November 4th, and are in many points not consistent with the former despatch. It appears that the only provision for medical attendance is the daily visitation of one non-resident and the occasional visitation of one consulting physician, and there are but two resident nurses. The sewerage and the drainage are very "imperfect," though from the nature of the site they could easily be made efficient. There is but one lavatory for both sexes. With reference to latrines, as well as to many other important points, there is no information. The wards are excessively sub-divided, and so far as any meaning can be gathered from the answers, may be conjectured to afford no more than from 500 cubic feet of space in the best to 330 in the worst berths to each patient, even this amount apparently including the whole thickness of the walls and partitions.

This hospital appears to be governed by a board of directors composed of the Bishop and members of the councils. They are said to visit weekly, the Governor occasionally. No mention is made of the powers or responsibility of the board or officers.

The lunatic asylum now affords room for about forty-eight patients. Twenty-two of these are allowed less than 640 cubic feet per head. Strait waistcoats, straps, manacles, and confinement are the means of restraint, and are used at the discretion of the superintendent, who reports to the doctor. The doctor is non-resident, and visits regularly only twice a-week. The patients appear to be employed chiefly in menial services.

The Governor will have, by this time, drawn the attention of the Legislature to the drainage of the Holberton hospital. The other particular reforms which seem to be most necessary are, (i) with reference to the hospital,—the formation of proper lavatories, the removal of the partitions which hinder ventilation and multiply labour in the wards, the increase of the staff of nurses, and the appointment of a resident medical officer with full power and responsibility: (ii) with reference to the asylum, the disuse or enlargement of the smaller wards.

72. *Nevis*.—Nevis has at present neither hospital nor lunatic asylum. Despatch, June 19, 1863.
There is a small institution for aged and infirm paupers, supported by 150*l.* per annum from the general revenue; and certain port dues will be allowed to accumulate for the purpose of erecting an infirmary for seamen, but no general hospital seems to be proposed. Two persons acquitted of capital charges on the ground of insanity are confined in the gaol in all respects as the ordinary prisoners, with whom they suffer the ill effects of the failure of the Prison inspectors to perform their duties with regard to visitation and reports. It is to be desired that these lunatics should be transferred, upon terms of fair payment, to an asylum in some one of the adjacent islands, where they would have a chance of curative treatment.

73. *Dominica*.—A Poor asylum at Morne Bruce with about eighty-nine patients, a lunatic asylum at the same place with from three to six, and an infirmary at Roseau with about twenty-one, are under the control of one board of Guardians nominated by the Governor, which frames rules and regulations. All three are supported wholly from the general revenue. Despatch, July 28, 1863.

The poor asylum is managed by a master at a salary of 80*l.* per annum, and a matron, his wife, at 30*l.* There is no resident doctor. The visits and reports are very insufficient. There is apparently no provision for sewerage, drainage, latrines, or baths. Rain water from the roof is preserved for drinking.

The lunatic asylum is an old military prison, wholly unfit for its present purpose. It is managed by the medical officer of the Poor asylum, but directly by the master of the Poor asylum, and by a resident keeper at 45*l.* per annum without allowances. Sewerage and drainage do not exist, and there are no baths, nor apparently any artificial latrines. The six cells, of which only three are at present occupied, contain only 300 cubic feet a piece. There are no airing courts or other provisions for employment or amusement. Female lunatics do not seem to be admitted, though, to judge by other islands, they must preponderate in number. The only register is kept by the Master of the poor-