

mean of all former years having been forty-three per cent. nearly, (42.7).

In the recoveries this year the number of both sexes has been the same, twenty-four (24) of each, while of those who died, fourteen (14) were men, and eleven (11) women.

The tables covering the whole period from the opening of the Hospital, show a higher recovery rate for women than for men, (44 to 42), and also show that women are less liable (5.5 to 7.3), to die insane. These statistical results corroborate the views expressed on this subject by recent authors of repute.

Admissions.

The admissions have been more numerous than in any previous year since 1875, immediately after the completion of the Hospital. Besides those actually received, there were frequent applications made for persons whom it was not in our power to accommodate.

Judging by the eagerness with which admission is sought, the Institution has not lost public confidence. Many of those applied for, were cases of long standing.

During the temporary absence of the Superintendent in the Autumn, two cases, entirely unsuited, were rushed in, one in the last stage of disease and in advanced years; the other a hopeless and harmless idiot, who can receive no benefit beyond the food and shelter which ought to have been provided elsewhere.

We have been charged with refusing, on insufficient grounds, to receive patients here, whereas *no individual has ever been denied admission whose case presented the slightest prospect of improvement*; nor were any excluded who were considered dangerous to themselves or others, even though hopelessly insane.

Recoveries.

The high recovery rate which it has been our good fortune to attain to, extending as it does over the whole period since the Hospital was opened, has suggested to some the idea that a single patient was often made to register several cases of recovery. It has been more than insinuated that our returns were not indicative of actual results.

In order to settle this point, I have gone carefully over the re-admissions and find that out of five hundred and forty-five (545) recoveries, only sixty-one (61) have been discharged more than

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