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Of the 75 discharged, 42 were men, and 33 were women; 13 of the men were married, and 29 single; 20 of the women were married, and 13 single.

No reliable comparisons can be found on the figures covering so brief a space; yet the proportion between the married and *single* men discharged, is unusual.

DEATHS.

The deaths in the three Asylums amounted to 40; of which 22 occurred in men, and 18 in women. Disparity between the mortality of male and female lunatics, is a well known fact in Asylum Statistics. In a large aggregate the mortality of male lunatics is to that of the other sex, probably, as 4 to 3.

An obvious consequence of the lower mortality of women, is the accumulation of female incurables in all asylums where they are retained; and this disparity is increased by the disproportion between male and female recoveries. Female insanity is, in a large proportion of cases, merely a reflex disturbance of the brain. Insanity in men, much more extensively involves cerebral lesion; and their mortality is proportionably increased.

Intemperance is very rarely the cause of insanity in females, but when it has been the cause in men, the malady is very largely incurable, or fatal.

Some of the autopsies held during the year, I have regarded as very interesting; and as information on this head

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