

locking of doors on their going out or coming in, would be a great benefit, and one which I trust the future will see us possessed of.

EMPLOYMENT.

The value of employment to patients is not to be measured only by the gain to the hospital, although this is not to be lost sight of, but by the benefit to the patients themselves, in distracting their thoughts from their troubles, real and imaginary. For these reasons therefore no effort was spared to keep as many as possible occupied.

The daily average number of patients employed throughout the year was 125, 80 being men and 45 women, distributed as follows:—

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Working with Carpenter	4	0	4
“ in Dining Rooms	4	6	10
“ with Engineer	4	0	4
“ on Farm	18	0	18
“ at Furnaces (Smead-Dowd)	3	0	3
“ in Gymnasium	1	0	1
“ in Kitchen	4	2	6
“ at Knitting	0	3	3
“ in Laundry	3	3	6
“ at Mattress-Making	2	0	2
“ in Officer's Quarters	0	1	1
“ with Porter	3	0	3
“ at Painting	2	0	2
“ at Sewing and Repairing	0	30	30
“ at Stone Breaking	7	0	7
“ on Wards (Cleaning, Scrubbing, &c.) ..	25	0	25
Total	80	45	125

AMUSEMENT.

With a full knowledge of the value of amusement as a remedial agent in the treatment of the insane, as much recreation was provided for the patients as our means afforded. Dancing during the winter months was, as heretofore, our most popular form of amusement, and here let me say, the participants in our weekly dances are not merely those who were votaries of the Terpsichorean art ere admission to the hospital. Many have learned to dance within its walls and have derived both benefit and pleasure from the practice.

To the kind friends who supplied us with the following entertainments our warmest thanks are tendered:—

- Jan. 5.—Concert by Knox Church Choir, under Mr. Coates.
 “ 12.—“ Mrs. Jarley's Wax-Works,” by Mrs. D. Battersby and friends.
 “ 18.—Entertainment by Victoria Rifles Reserve Quartette and others, under Mr. Andrew Bell.
 “ 27.—Concert with Magic Lantern Views by Olivet Baptist Mission of Point St. Charles, under Mr. Gawne.