

as this, who are roaming abroad, suffering those privations incident to their unfortunate condition, or, what is worse, confined in places altogether unfit for their treatment.

Here I may remark, that in a country so situated, the number of the Insane must rapidly increase, and those who are treated must be sent abroad at great expense, and this expensive expedient is too frequently not resorted to until every resource has been exhausted at home—valuable time lost—and the poor patient has become a wreck for life.

In justice, however, to this large class, it is my duty to say, that many of them are doing us good service in assisting to carry on the work in which we are constantly engaged, and some of the number, by their labour, so long as they are able to perform it, quite repay us for all that they receive. This remark applies to females as well as to males; and is a circumstance that ought always to be taken into account when looking at the figures representing our expenditures, for our improvements ought at the same time to command attention. Those who have been discharged from the list of old cases, as you will perceive by reference to the statement, are—nine recovered, three much improved, three died. The only remark that I have to make on these statistics is on the amount of mortality—three deaths out of ninety-two old cases, and all among those of the longest standing on our record—one, say thirteen years, one of nine, and the other upwards of three—making an average of eight years to each. This I consider a remarkable fact.

By reference to the same statement you will find that we have admitted during the year, fifty-nine cases—thirty-seven males and twenty-two females. Of these there have been discharged, recovered, fourteen males and eleven females; much improved, five males and two females; improved, one female, and unimproved, four males. One of these four is the case of the man with the tumour in the eye, to which I referred in my report of last year. The same opinion that I then expressed, I gave in a letter addressed to his father, that in an operation lay his only hope. The father came to see me, and after talking the nature of the case over with him, and consulting the Commissioner for the month, on the propriety of operating in the Asylum, whose opinion it was that a surgical operation should not be performed there, the father called