

INSPECTOR'S REPORT
ON THE
ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE, LONDON.

The operations of this Asylum in respect to the movements of patients have been large and varied during the past year. On the 1st of October, 1880, there remained in residence 784 patients—384 men and 400 women,—and during the past twelve months 102 men and 84 women were admitted, making the total number under treatment 970, as compared with 902 in the preceding year. Of the 186 admissions, 89 were transfers from the Common Goals under the warrant of the Lieutenant-Governor, and 97 were received from private families on medical certificates, the latter class almost entirely from the counties attached to the London Asylum for receiving purposes. A considerable number of the warrant cases, however, were received from the eastern counties attached to Kingston Asylum, where there were no vacancies during a large portion of the year.

The discharges during the year numbered 73; of which number 1 was found not to be insane, 47 were sent home recovered, 13 improved, and 12 unimproved. Thirty-eight patients died during the year; 4 escaped; and 3 were transferred to other Asylums. The ratio of cures to the admissions was 25 per cent., as compared with 26.25 in the previous year, and the death rate was 4 per cent. of the entire population.

A large number of patients continue to be sent out on probation from this Asylum. During the past year 74 patients were thus placed in the care of their relatives and friends, of whom 26 were subsequently discharged recovered, 10 improved, 4 unimproved; 19 were sent back to the Asylum