

The disposal of the above 3114 patients has been as follows :

	Men.	Women.	Total.
Discharged.....	911	745	1656
Died .....	329	285	614
Eloped.....	29	9	38
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Total.....	1269	1039	2308
1st Oct., 1861. Written off to Malden.....	108	91	199
1st Jan., 1864. " to Orillia.....	49	76	125
11th May, " Further transfers to Orillia.....	4	6	10
1st Jan., 1865. Remain in chief asylum.....	211	185	396
" " in U. Branch.....	5	71	76
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Total remain.....	377	429	806
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Total admitted.....	1646	1468	3114

It will be observed that of the total male patients admitted, say 1646, there remain 377, or nearly 23 per cent.; but of the female patients, 1468, there remain 429, or 29½ per cent. This difference is not to be accounted for by a lower aggregate of mortality in the female patients. The total deaths of males have been equal to nearly 20 per cent., and of females 19¼ per cent.; and this slight difference in favor of females may soon disappear. It was greater at the commencement of 1864, and has been brought down by a preponderance of female deaths in this year;—say 25 females against 10 male deaths.

I apprehend that the true solution of this problem is to be found in the fact, that a much larger proportion of females have been admitted in the chronic stage of insanity than of males. This fact still obtains, and is not, I believe, peculiar to our asylum. The disparity in male and female admissions in the early years of the institution, has been pointed out; and the near equality of them in subsequent years has been shown. But though there is good reason to believe that the incidence of insanity in the sexes is equal, the early preponderance in male admissions has not been obliterated.

In the last ten years the admissions of males have amounted to 728, and of females to 761. The discharges of males in this period (not including elopements) have been 358, or equal to 49½ per cent., on the admissions; and the discharges of females have been 356, or 46¼ on admissions; thus still showing that, although women have been more numerous admitted of late years, their rate of recovery is still lower than that of men. Unless we had *reliable* information of the previous duration of the insanity in both, it would be impossible to give an absolute