

them that appropriate accommodation which their position demanded; and thus they have been forced to seek, among strangers, at double or treble the expence which it might have cost them at home, that relief which they required, and which it is disgraceful to us to have been unable to afford them. This is an evil which touches but the few, and the sufferers are not at all disposed to proclaim their grievance; but surely they are not to be neglected on that account. The very class who contribute most largely to the public revenue out of which the Asylum is supported, and who also contributed most largely to the tax out of which it was built, are denied a proper return for their contributions. Whilst we bestow a due attention on the insane poor, should we be regardless of those who support them, and who would pay liberally for support in an Asylum fit for the reception of their friends?

ADMISSIONS IN 1860.

The admissions during the year have amounted to 185; being the largest number yet received in one year. Of the above 185, 96 were men, and 89 were women; of the 96 men, 47 were married, and 49 single; and of the 89 women, 54 were married, and 35 single. The total admissions, since the first opening of the Asylum, have been 2,429, viz.:

Of married men	- - -	579	}	- - -	1,321
" single	" - - -	742			
Of married women	- - -	709	}	- - -	1,108
" single	" - - -	399			

The total males admitted exceed the total females by 213.

This excess in the male admissions arose many years ago, not, I believe, from any difference in the incidence of insanity in the sexes, but from the fact, that female lunatics, unless paupers, were then more generally detained at home