

leaving only 24 years, 6 months, and 19 days for the remaining 52 ; or 5 months and $20\frac{1}{2}$ days each.

Now an asylum making no discharges of patients resident so long as one year, would, as far as mere figures go, make a fine appearance in the eye of a figure man ; but in the opinion of one more familiar with the general subject of insanity, such an asylum would not be highly esteemed. It would be a sad thought to him that a year's residence took away all prospect of recovery ; but it would be a pleasing fact to him to learn that recoveries take place after one, three, or even seven years ; yet a seven-years' case included with six others of only three months' residence, would shew an average of 1 year, 2 months, and 18 days to each of the seven.

Of the twenty-two patients discharged in 1865, after longer than one year's residence, fifteen had recovered, six were improved, and one was unimproved.

The average residence of the fifteen recovered patients was 2 years, 7 months, and 14 days.

The average residence of the six improved was 2 years, 5 months, and 6 days ; and the residence of one unimproved was 4 years, less 6 days.

The longest residence was that of a recovered patient—5 years, 7 months, and 22 days. Two others had over four years each ; three had over three years ; three over two years, and the remainder between one and two years.

Your Board were pretty well acquainted with some of these long cases, and can testify that for a long time they appeared rather unpromising.

The average residence of the patients who died in 1865 was 3 years, 7 months, and 20 days. In 1864 it was 3 years, 7 months, and 10 days. Death is therefore more uniform in his period of arrival than recovery.

The mortality of 1865 has been 25 in a total of 594 patients ; or say $4\frac{4}{10}$ per cent. in 1865, against $5\frac{9}{10}$ in 1864, being an actual proportion of 4 to $5\frac{4}{10}$, or a difference of mortality equal to over 34 per cent.

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