

the insane, and of the various and wonderful phases of mental derangement, no amount of reasonable expense would be grudged. All would be ready to admit that any outlay, having for its object the comfort and relief of those labouring under this direful visitation was money well spent. Though for obvious reasons it is not desirable to give too great facility of access to these institutions to visitors whose motive may be one of morbid or idle curiosity, yet under proper restrictions, and when visitors are actuated by feelings of less objectionable character, doubtless some good may result to both visitors and patients—to the visitor in exacting a feeling of pity which may result in some display of good feeling or active benevolence, and to the patient in affording a change in the stagnant current of a lunatic's life. In any event, those who may only read of, or those who may be brought into contact with the insane, will assuredly be brought heartily to reiterate the prayer of Dr Johnson, "That in whatever shape affliction might pursue him, the Almighty might not visit upon him the most terrible evil to which human nature could be subjected—the loss of reason."

Return of inmates, showing their nationality, from February 1 to October 31, 1868:—England, 38; Ireland, 36; Scotland, 8; France, 2; Germany, 1; Holland, 1; America, 2; Sweden, 1; Hebrew, 1; total, 90.

Return of patients admitted, discharged, and died from February 1st to October 31st, 1868:—January, 79 remaining; February, 5 admitted, 2 discharged, 79 remaining; March, 6 admitted, 2 discharged, 83 remaining; April, 3 admitted, 2 discharged, 84 remaining; May, 2 discharged, 82 remaining; June, 2 admitted, 2 discharged, 2 died; 80 remaining; July, 7 admitted, 3 discharged, 84 remaining; August, 4 admitted, 1 discharged, 87 remaining; September, 2 admitted, 2 discharged, 87 remaining; October, 3 admitted, 90 remaining. Total—Admitted, 32; discharged, 16; died, 2; increase, 14.

Return showing the amount of wages earned by the patients from February 1 to October 31, 1868:—4 gardeners, 39 weeks at 4s per day, £187 4s; 4 masons, 39 weeks at 4s per day, £187 4s; 4 brickmakers, 39 weeks at 4s per day, £187 4s; 1 painter, 39 weeks at 4s per day, £46 16s; 2 carpenters, 39 weeks at 4s per day, £98 12s; 2 tailors, 39 weeks at 4s per day, £98 12s; 4 laborers, 39 weeks at 2s per day, £98 12s; 8 women washing at per week, 39 weeks at 16s per week, £31 4s; women, needlework, including repairs of clothes, mattress making, &c., £20; total, £940 8s.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) E. W. SEAGER,
Steward.

