
REPORT OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT

OF THE

PROVINCIAL LUNATIC ASYLUM, 1876.

To the Honourable the Provincial Secretary.

SIR:—In accordance with the rules regulating the management of the Insane Asylum for this Province, I have the honour to forward you my annual report, in connection with that of the Superintendent of the Asylum.

We have had, as you will see by former reports, a considerable increase in the number of inmates during the past year over that of preceding years, which at one time so crowded the asylum as to be deleterious to the well-being of the inmates, but by the prompt action of your department it was, to a great extent, obviated by the addition of an extra wing to the building, capable of accommodating ten patients.

There had been admitted up to December 31st, 1876, twenty-two patients, viz: nineteen males and three females.

At that date, December 31st, 1876, there were thirty-five inmates, viz: thirty-two males and three females.

During the year there had been five deaths from different causes, all males.

There had also, during that period, been fourteen discharged on probation, viz: ten males and four females, (two of whom had to be readmitted, but were eventually again discharged,) one to be placed in an asylum nearer to his relations, and the remainder either in charge of their legal guardians or to resume their usual occupations.

I must also state that great kindness has been shown by many of our fellow-townsmen in providing illustrated and other newspapers and books for the use of the inmates of the asylum, and I cannot too highly praise the zeal and consideration shown by the Ministers of all denominations in visiting and consoling the unfortunate inmates of the establishment.

In conclusion I should be wanting in justice if I did not give my hearty thanks to all the officers of the institution, Superintendent, Matron and others, who by their uniform kindness, forbearance and general good conduct have added materially to the improvement of many patients and the comfort of all.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. B. MATTHEWS,

Medical Superintendent, Provincial Lunatic Asylum.

Langley street, January 15th, 1877.

TABLE

Showing the admissions, discharges and deaths during the year 1876.

	M.	F.	Total.
In Asylum on 1st January.....	28	4	32
Admitted during the year.....	19	3	22
Total under care during the year.....	47	7	54
Discharged during the year.....	10	4	14
Deaths during the year.....	5	0	5
Total deaths and discharges during the year.....	15	4	19
Total remaining in Asylum January 1st, 1877.....	32	3	35

(Signed)

JOHN J. DOWNEY,

Superintendent, Insane Asylum.