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REPORT
OF THE
COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM at RAINHILL.

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County Lunatic Asylum
AT
RAINHILL,
WITH THE
ACCOUNTS of the RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS
OF THE
TREASURER OF THE SAID ASYLUM.



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REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS

FOR THE
COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM AT RAINHILL,
FOR THE YEAR 1900.

County Asylum, Rainhill,
February, 1901.

The Committee of Visitors of Rainhill Asylum begs to present the following Report for the year ending December 31st, 1900:—

The changes in the Asylum population during the year have been as follows:—

	M.	F.	TOTAL.
In the Asylum, 31st Dec., 1899 ...	1032	1056	2088
Admitted during the year.....	219	214	433
Discharged recovered during the year	60	87	147
Transferred to other Asylums, to workhouses, or to care of friends, etc.....	10	17	27
Died.....	149	106	255
Remaining in the Asylum, 31st December, 1900.....	1032	1060	2092

The enlargement of the Laundry boiler house at the Annexe, and the substitution of Calorifiers for the old hot-water boilers in the female division of that building, are now nearly completed, and promise to give satisfactory results.

Satisfactory progress has been made with the installation of the electric light throughout both buildings.

Two vacancies occurred in the Medical Staff caused by the resignation of Drs. Haines and Coleman, whose places were filled by the appointment of Drs. Archdale and Wilson.

The officers and attendants generally have performed their duties to the satisfaction of the Committee.

H. WADE DEACON,
Chairman.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY.

Lancashire Asylum,
Rainhill, February 9th, 1901.

Our visit to this Asylum enables us to give a very favourable report of its condition and management.

Since the last visit by Commissioners, on the 20th June, 1900, the following changes have occurred among the patients:—

	M.	F.	TOTAL.
Admitted.....	123	136	259
Discharged.....	46	75	121
Discharged, of whom recovered or not insane.....	39	63	102
Died.....	66	63	129

These changes leave on the books 2,103 patients, in the proportions of 1,039 men, 1,064 women, 6 of them being criminals, and 3 out-County patients chargeable respectively to Birkenhead, Holyhead, and Hackney.

One male patient is out on trial.

We have seen and spoken to all the rest, giving to each full opportunity of also speaking to us, an opportunity of which many availed themselves, in almost all instances to appeal for their discharge. None of those so appealing struck us as suitable for it; but we, of course, referred them to the Committee, who appear to visit the wards and see the patients with adequate frequency.

The very few complaints as to treatment which were made to us were, apparently, devoid of substantial basis.

The patients generally were neat and clean in person and dress, and afforded evidence in their appearance of proper attention on the part of the attendants and nurses. Six only were wearing strong dresses, and they not of an objectionable character.