

patients were working on the farm and garden; 109 were usefully occupied indoors. In the workshops 9 men were employed and 40 women; while 18 women were employed in the kitchen, and 22 in the laundry. Only 36 males and 86 females did not engage in any sort of employment. To-day 199 males are outside. None are confined to bed in the whole asylum, except one female. I carefully examined all the patients, and found them suitably and warmly clad. The food is abundant, and well cooked, while particular care is being taken to see that the meat supplied is of the best quality. All the books and documents were in proper order.

Sunnyside.

24th June, 1887.—I spent yesterday and to-day in inspecting this asylum. I find that satisfactory progress has been made with the new buildings, and there is reason to believe they may be ready for occupation before the contract time expires. I have made careful notes of the state in which Dr. Levinge found the asylum, so that I might at a later date be able to estimate the effect of his management. My object during the present visit has been to consult with Dr. Levinge as to the steps which must be taken in order to place the asylum on a proper footing. I found the number of inmates to be 222 males and 129 females, including 3 female and 2 male inebriates. Three males and 7 females were confined to bed; 59 males were at work on the farm, 9 in the garden, 14 in the workshops, and 9 pumping; besides 6 in the laundry, and 8 in the kitchen. Altogether 174 males and 74 females were occupied in some useful work. The week previous to my visit only 49 males and 55 females were quite incapable of employment. Those who were able to attend Divine service numbered 95 males and 42 females; while 137 males and 52 females were present at the weekly amusements. Three males and 2 females were wearing strong or locked dresses. I carefully examined the clothing, feeding, and lodging of the patients, and have nothing to add to my former remarks on these points. Owing to circumstances which I need not dwell upon here, great changes have just been made in the staff, and, as I have already said, my attention has been mainly directed to the reorganization of the staff rendered necessary thereby. I saw every one of the patients, examined all the books and certificates, and found everything going on smoothly.

14th December, 1887.—I have been engaged all to-day and yesterday in making a careful examination of this asylum. An immense improvement is already apparent in the whole surroundings of the building as the result of Dr. Levinge's energy, and every part of the interior is in admirable order. The whole staff has been inspired with new life, and the utmost harmony prevails throughout. The new buildings are rapidly approaching completion, and I expect at my next visit to see this asylum at length in such a position that it will compare favourably with any other in the country. A very striking change for the better is manifest in the garden, which reflects the greatest credit on Mr. Abbott. Dr. Levinge speaks in the highest terms of the assistance he has received from Mr. Russell, the clerk, Mr. Wood, the head attendant, and Miss Mark, head attendant on the female side. I found all the books carefully kept. There was, however, some carelessness or rather misunderstanding on the part of some of the female charge attendants regarding the accuracy of their monthly stock returns. I examined all detained patients' letters, and found nothing calling for remark. I found 8 males and 7 females confined to their beds under medical treatment; one violent and dangerous male patient was confined to his room, but only during the dinner-hour, and I found that he had been properly attended to while the rest were dining. I was especially struck with the improvement which has been effected in the demeanour of the refractory patients: I never saw them so quiet and orderly before. The male inmates numbered 214; females, 132: total, 346. In the Medical Journal for the week ending 11th December, I found none entered as being under restraint, while 2 males only were in seclusion. Only 6 males and 3 females were entered as confined to the house. Four males and 3 females are wearing strong dresses, while 9 males and 53 females do not join in recreation. A great change is observable in the number of patients who are regularly employed in the open air, and when the lease of the farm falls in this number will be greatly increased. The food, clothing, and lodging are good, and admirably clean, and I am satisfied that the greatest vigilance is exercised in preventing anything like roughness to their helpless charges on the part of the attendants. The most urgent wants at present are the effecting of proper precautions against fire, so often urged by the vigilant Deputy Inspector, Colonel Lean; the replacing of the decayed floors under the female refractory ward, and cementing eighteen of the single rooms on the male side. The religious wants of the patients are carefully attended to, and Mr. Holland gives great assistance to discharged patients in finding them employment.

Auckland.

6th April, 1887.—I have been engaged all day yesterday and to-day in inspecting this asylum. Since my last visit in November I have been very anxious regarding the effect of the changes in the staff which took place at that time, and my visit was mainly directed to ascertain how far harmonious action had succeeded to the jarring and friction which were then prevalent. On this point I have found it very difficult to satisfy myself, and I have come to the conclusion that some longer time is required to let the facts more clearly declare themselves. I found sufficient evidence to make it clear that my action in dismissing so many officers in November was amply justified. The conduct of Dr. Cremonini in the crisis through which this asylum is still passing has been such as to convince me that in painstaking fidelity to duty, and care for the good of the patients, he has deserved the highest praise. The number of patients this day in the asylum is 363: males 239, and females 124. Five are out on trial. I find on examination that all were up and about except 2 females and 5 males: all of these I carefully examined, and found that they were being properly attended to. J—McG— is suffering from what appears to be general tuberculosis, and the mental symptoms are simply an indication of this diseased process. J—M— is suffering from epithelial cancer of the lower lip, which has long been past the stage in which medical interference was possible. The general condition of the patients I found exceedingly satisfactory, considering the great difficulties