

the disposition of the guardians of any particular union to have their lunatics transferred from the county asylum to the workhouse of another union. He knows the habits and conduct of the patient under his care; and, under the rule of asylum management, he does not know what effect the proposed change may have on many tranquil patients. He sees, however, from time to time, that patients who have been apparently fit to return home, have been unable to bear the prospect of their discharge; and he would feel that the sending of tranquil patients to a workhouse asylum and having them returned to the county asylum would be very unsatisfactory, and not economical."—*Mr. Ley. 'Report of the Medical Superintendent of the Littlemore Asylum, Oxford, for 1862.'*

Fifty years' results at the Nottingham Asylum.

"On the 12th of February, 1862, the asylum had been in operation fifty years. A reference to the tables will show that the amount of success that has attended the labours of those who have promoted its objects during this lengthened period has been such as to justify the expectations of its founders; and I have pleasure in stating that professional strangers who now visit the establishment record, notwithstanding its age, their favorable impressions of the completeness of the existing arrangements.

Results of treatment, 1812-62—

a. 1812-59.— <i>Private and pauper patients, both received</i>	
(47 years).—Total admissions, 2970.	
Per-centage of recoveries on admissions	. 42·5
„ deaths on mean population	. 8·3
b. 1860-63.— <i>Pauper patients only received (3 years).—</i>	
Total admissions, 310.	
Per-centage of recoveries on admissions	. 39·7
„ deaths on mean population	. 13·5."

—*Dr. W. P. Stiff. 'Report of the Medical Superintendent of the Nottingham County Lunatic Asylum, 1863.'*

Moral Treatment at the Belfast District Asylum.

"*Amusements of the patients.*—During the past year a large number of both sexes of the inmates was privileged to attend 'Dr. Mark's Concert of Little Men,' in the Victoria Hall, that gentleman having voluntarily and very kindly given a free admission to as many as were considered fitted to witness such an entertainment, and

upwards of one hundred of whom had that pleasure. Their behaviour and general demeanour were everything that could have been desired, perhaps more so than that of externs themselves. An equally large number was brought on another occasion to Mr. Clarke's Panorama of Palestine, the proprietor of which also most liberally gave them a gratuitous and unlimited admission; and further, it is especially to be stated that they were, within the last few weeks, favoured with a visit by Mrs. Macready, so celebrated as a 'reader' in the United States and British America, who delighted them with one of her far-famed recital performances, and with which and the lady herself they were immeasurably pleased.

"Patients' band.—The band, composed from amongst the male patients, the strength of which is about thirteen, continues to be an unspeakable source of lively entertainment, and the performance is in such good time, &c., as to astonish even musical adepts. They played several pieces in public at Dr. Mark's concert, the execution of which was so perfect as to call forth the greatest applause.

"Drill exercises.—The drilling of the men, which was commenced here about twelve years ago, continues to be regularly practised, under the direction of an experienced military drill-sergeant, and cannot be too highly recommended for its importance and usefulness. It has been well observed that drill improves the health, the carriage, the manners, even the character; sharpens the attention, gives habits of obedience, promptness, regularity, and self-restraint; defects are corrected by drill; the drilled person keeps everything in a high state of cleanliness, and special qualifications are brought out.

"Outside walks.—The walks beyond the precincts of the institution hold a high place amongst the male and female inmates for popularity, and are looked forward to with the keenest desire, all feeling themselves once more citizens of the world by enjoying this occasional, however limited, intercourse outside the walls with their fellow-man."—*Dr. Stewart. 'Thirty-third Annual Report of the Belfast District Hospital for the Insane, 1863.'*