

patients in the workhouses be included in the latter figure, the gross increase for 1896 will be seen to have been 242. The average of increases for the past ten years does not, it is true, give quite so startling a result, but an aggregate annual increase in asylums of 130 is calculated, nevertheless, to afford food for serious reflection. In the same report the Committee estimated that at the end of last year the total available accommodation at their three asylums (after

deducting out-county patients) was as follows: – Wakefield, 18; Wadsley, 21; Menston, 191: total, 230. The hospital for acute cases now in course of erection at Wakefield would, it was stated, afford provision for 200 more, whilst by the removal of 147 persons to the proposed new private asylum room would be made for a further 100. At the most liberal computation, however, there could only be said to be places for 530 new patients in the asylums at the

end of last year, and at the present rapid rate of increase all three institutions may be expected to be crowded within the next three or four years.

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Corrigendum

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pindolol on antidepressant latency and in refractory depression remains equivocal”.