

FEVER HOSPITAL
CORK STREET.

House of Recovery Cork Street Fever Hospital

Annual Report and Medical Report

From 1st April 1860 to 31st March 1861

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REPORT
OF THE
MANAGING COMMITTEE

OF THE
House of Recovery

AND
FEVER HOSPITAL,

IN
CORK STREET, DUBLIN.

FOR ONE YEAR, FROM THE 1ST APRIL, 1860, TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1861.

WITH THE
Medical Report Annexed,

FROM THE 1ST APRIL, 1860, TO THE 31ST MARCH, 1861.

BY
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HOSPITAL.



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1861.

PATIENTS.

| | | | |
|--|---------|-----|---------|
| Admitted from 1st May, 1804, to 31st March, 1862, inclusive ... | ... | ... | 180,092 |
| Discharged, cured, or relieved ... | 167,324 | | |
| Died | 12,656 | | |
| Remaining in hospital on 31st March, 1862 | 112 | | |
| Total, ... | — | | 180,092 |
| In hospital 1st April, 1861 ... | 77 | | |
| Admitted to 31st March, 1862 ... | 1,700 | | |
| Total, ... | — | | 1,777 |
| Discharged from 1st April, 1861, to 31st March, 1862 | 1,570 | | |
| Died | 95 | | |
| Remaining in hospital on 31st March, 1862 | 112 | | |
| Total, ... | — | | 1,777 |

MONTHLY STATEMENT OF PATIENTS.

From 1st April, 1861, to 31st March, 1862.

| Years. | Months. | Admitted. | Discharged | Died. | Monthly aggregate. | |
|--------|-----------------|----------------|------------|-------|--------------------|------|
| 1861 | April | 145 | 143 | 5 | 2646 | |
| | May | 122 | 125 | 3 | 2310 | |
| | June | 123 | 118 | 2 | 2143 | |
| | July | 110 | 105 | 2 | 2189 | |
| | August | 119 | 110 | 8 | 2213 | |
| | September | 127 | 106 | 7 | 2405 | |
| | October | 116 | 133 | 6 | 2381 | |
| | November | 130 | 93 | 9 | 2424 | |
| | December | 171 | 144 | 16 | 3098 | |
| | 1862 | January | 228 | 184 | 23 | 3912 |
| | | February | 146 | 146 | 6 | 3385 |
| | | March | 163 | 163 | 8 | 3648 |
| | Total... | 1700 | 1570 | 95 | 32754 | |

| 1860. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|------|----|----|------|----|----|
| To Parliamentary Grant ... | 2500 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| „ Interest on Government Stock ... | 330 | 14 | 6 | | | |
| „ Dividend on Grand Canal Stock... | 95 | 12 | 6 | | | |
| „ Rents | 225 | 8 | 7 | | | |
| „ Subscriptions | 186 | 7 | 0 | | | |
| „ Annuities | 27 | 17 | 10 | | | |
| „ Legacies and Donations | 3 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| „ Canal Receipts, Balance of Purchase Money of Shares ... | 62 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | 3431 | 10 | 5 |

| 1860. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------------|---|----|----|------|----|----|
| March 31. „ Balance, viz., | | | | | | |
| „ Bank of Ireland, due it £766 24 11 | | | | | | |
| „ Less due by Treasurers 50 8 11 | | | | | | |
| | | | | 910 | 6 | 0 |
| | | | | 4341 | 16 | 5 |

| 1860. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|-------------------------------------|---|----|----|-----|----|----|
| April 1, By Balance, viz: | | | | | | |
| „ Bank of Ireland, due it £795 13 3 | | | | | | |
| „ Less due by Treasurers 51 19 1 | | | | | | |
| | | | | 743 | 13 | 2 |

| 1861. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|------|----|----|------|----|----|
| March 31, By Amount paid for Provisions | 1045 | 14 | 11 | | | |
| „ Clothing | 745 | 16 | 11 | | | |
| „ Medical Expenses ... | 273 | 7 | 9 | | | |
| „ Furniture, Bedding, &c. | 179 | 13 | 4 | | | |
| „ Repairs of Buildings | 280 | 8 | 0 | | | |
| „ Rents | 106 | 0 | 2 | | | |
| „ Premium on Insurance ... | 8 | 11 | 0 | | | |
| „ Fuel and Light | 254 | 17 | 1 | | | |
| „ Soap, Soda, and Starch... | 54 | 13 | 0 | | | |
| „ Stationery, Printing, &c. ... | 30 | 5 | 8 | | | |
| „ Salaries, Wages, and Allowances | 1151 | 15 | 5 | | | |
| „ Incidental Disbursements | 67 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | 3998 | 3 | 3 |
| | | | | 4341 | 16 | 5 |

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LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

RECEIVED FROM 1ST APRIL, 1860, TO 31ST MARCH 1861.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|--|----|----|----|------------------------|----|----|----|
| Allen, Joseph ... | 2 | 2 | 0 | Fairbairn, William ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Allen, Alexander ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | Ferrier, Pollock & Co. | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Allen, Richard ... | 2 | 2 | 0 | Findlater, Alexander | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Atkinson, Alderman | 2 | 2 | 0 | Findlater, John ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Andrews, Robert, Q.C. | | | | Ferguson, F. C. ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| LL.D. ... | 2 | 2 | 0 | Guinness, Hart ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Boyd, Samuel ... | 2 | 2 | 0 | Guinness, B. L. ... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Behan, John ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | Gatchell, Robert ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Bushy, John, and Co. | 1 | 0 | 0 | Garrett, J. F. ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Bell, John ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | Hart, Sir Wm., Bart. | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Bouchier and Baily ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | Haughton, James ... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Barrington, John ... | 2 | 2 | 0 | Haughton, William ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Barrington, Edward | 2 | 2 | 0 | Haughton, Wilfred ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Boland, Patrick ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | Hall, Alexander ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Bewley and Hogg ... | 3 | 3 | 0 | Hanrahan, E. R. ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Bewley and Evans ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | Hone, Thomas ... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Bewley, Samuel ... | 2 | 2 | 0 | Hutton, Messrs. ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Bewley, Samuel, jun. | 2 | 2 | 0 | Hayes, Brothers ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Bagot and Co. Messrs. | 1 | 0 | 0 | Healy, John ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Bank, Royal ... | 5 | 5 | 0 | Harris, Joseph ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Bank of Ireland ... | 20 | 0 | 0 | Hoey, Thomas ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Butler, James J. ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | Heyfron, Mrs. J. ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Baker and Wardle ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | Jameson, William ... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Bruce and Symes ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | Jameson, John ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Ballast Board ... | 6 | 6 | 0 | Kinahan and Co. ... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Crosthwaite, Thomas | 2 | 2 | 0 | Keena, Matthew ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Cusack, Dr. ... | 2 | 2 | 0 | Lentaigne, John, M.D. | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Cannock and White | 2 | 0 | 0 | Leslie, Charles ... | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Colgan, Nathaniel ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | Lewis, Frederick ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Creeth, John ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | Latouche, Messrs. ... | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| Dublin, Wic low, and Wexford Railway Company ... | 2 | 2 | 0 | Manders, R. and Co. | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Donegan, John ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | Magee, Mrs. ... | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Donegan, Patrick ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | McGarry, J. J. ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Drake and Son ... | 0 | 10 | 0 | Malone, William ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Dunnill, Thomas ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | Malone, C. G. ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| D'Arcy, John, & Co. | 1 | 1 | 0 | Malone, Isaac ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Edmundson and Co. | 1 | 0 | 0 | Murphy, John ... | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | Millar, Messrs. ... | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | | Moore, P. and A. T. | 0 | 10 | 0 |

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------------|---|----|----|
| McSwiney and Delany | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| McGarry, Michael, & Co. | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| McBirney, Colles, and Co. | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| McDonnell and Co. ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Noble, John | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Ord, Thomas | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Pim, Brothers, and Co. | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Pim, James | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Pattison, Henry | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Purser, John T. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Pike, William Hill ... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Parker, William and Samuel | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Parks, J. C. | 1 | 0 | 0 |

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--------------------------|---|----|----|
| Ryan, William | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Reed, Messrs. | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Robertson, John | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Roe, George | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Scott, Joseph | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Sweetman, Patrick ... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Spencer, Henry | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Shaw, Henry | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Spring, John | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| Todd, Burns, and Co. ... | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Thompson, Henry | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Taylor, William | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Vance and Beers | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Watkins, Joseph | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Williamson, R. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Wilson, Joseph | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Waller, G. A. | 2 | 0 | 0 |

MEDICAL REPORT

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MEDICAL REPORT.

The year from the 1st of April, 1860, to the 1st of April, 1861, was beyond any year in my recollection, unmarked by any form of epidemic fever. In the Autumn, however, verging on the winter months, there manifested itself a very severe form of congestive bronchitis or suffocative catarrh, which proved rapidly fatal to many—especially those advanced in years. With this exception the mortality among the patients admitted into the hospital during this year was small.

The total of admissions during the year was 1,478; and of these there died 78, shewing a mortality of 5·28 per cent. Of the above number 596 were males, with 43 deaths, or a mortality of 7·2 per cent; and 882 females, with 35 deaths, or a mortality of 4 per cent. This is in accordance with the commonly observed fact of the less fatality of fever in the female than in the male sex; and the above proportions pretty nearly approximate to those stated by Dr. Cowan in the Glasgow Fever Statistics. Taking in the whole of the deaths, the greatest mortality in my patients occurred during the last three months of 1860; and the least during the first three months of 1861.

The number of cases of pure typhous fever under my care in this year was considerably smaller than in either of the previous two years. Under the head of typhous

fever, I include both typhous and typhoid fevers. This last appellation appears to me to have been most unhappily chosen. In it there is applied to the designation of a species, a term that has been long in use in medical language to denote a type or character of disease; thus we have typhoid pneumonia, typhoid bronchitis, &c. To avoid confusion then, I think the name of "enteric fever" would be much more suitable to represent the malady in question. The mortality among my patients from these two forms of typhous fever was large; as usually happens when the fever is not epidemic; the deaths being above sixteen per cent. By far the larger portion of this class of cases entered the hospital in the first half year; viz.: between the 1st April and the 1st October, 1860. Spots, whether petechiæ or maculæ, appeared in the majority without apparently marking any greater gravity in the character of the malady; on the contrary, it appeared to me that, with a similar amount of heavy symptoms, the spotted cases ran the more favourable course.

Inflammation of the parotid gland shewed itself in only one of the typhus cases. It occurred in a child, who presented many of the symptoms of hydrocephalus, screaming, &c. Four members of the same family had been already admitted into the hospital labouring under typhus. The parotitis here seemed critical, as on its appearance the symptoms commenced to improve.

During the year there were admitted only nine cases of scarlatina, and none of them was attended with a fatal issue. The greater part of these occurred in the winter, from the beginning of October till the end of December.

During the same period, measles existed to a small extent—they were in general of a mild character. Out of twenty-six cases treated in the hospital during the year, two terminated fatally.

Of small-pox only eight cases were admitted in the year, five of them having never been vaccinated. There was one death.

I had but two cases of erysipelas under my care; neither of them calling for any remark.

The cases of quinsy were few, and none of them of any gravity.

No case of diphtheria.

Of whooping-cough there were only four cases admitted; all of whom recovered. That disease was, I believe, this year very rife and fatal in London.

Of delirium tremens the cases were much fewer than in either of the preceding two years; and none of them had a fatal termination.

It remains for me now to take a brief notice of the congestive bronchitis which prevailed with great severity in the winter. This disease, in the three months from 1st December, 1860, to 1st March, 1861, furnished me with nearly one-third of all the cases that came under my care, and was productive of more than half of all the deaths that occurred during that period. Out of forty-nine cases, I had nine deaths within those three months. The patients very frequently when they applied for admission, were in such an advanced stage of the malady that no remedial measures were of any avail. It evidently required the most extended use of stimulants in those who

were its subjects, consisting, as they very generally did, of weakly and elderly persons whose constitutions were broken down by former attacks of the disease. My colleague, Dr. Brady, in his report for last year, has well described the condition of such persons. He says, "A person who has suffered from an attack of pleuro pneumonia or capillary bronchitis, especially if he belongs to the deteriorated class above referred to, will probably ever after be more susceptible to the morbid influence of the weather, and hence liable from time to time to similar attacks. Every fresh attack of this kind augments the predisposition to their recurrence, impairs more and more the structure of the lungs, and gradually induces disease of other important organs," &c. The stethoscopic examination of these cases discovered the existence of disease throughout almost the whole of the bronchial tubes, extending often into the vesicular texture of the lungs. It also frequently shewed the presence of accompanying pulmonary emphysema. In the treatment of this disease blistering largely and frequently was attended with benefit. Carbonate of ammonia in combination with infusion of polygala seemed also serviceable; and occasionally much relief of the oppression and difficulty of breathing was afforded by draughts of half a drachm to a drachm of spirits of turpentine administered two or three times a day in peppermint water. In extreme cases, where life seemed to be at the lowest ebb, especially during the night, it was necessary to have recourse to alcoholic stimulants; and this certainly often proved extremely serviceable in sustaining life.

LEGACIES

MAY BE BEQUEATHED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER :

“ I give and bequeath to the Treasurer of the House of Recovery, in Cork-street, Dublin, the sum of ——— (in trust) to be applied towards the benevolent purposes of the Institution.”