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## REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE

APPOINTED TO VISIT THE

### ROYAL HOSPITAL AND THE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

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MR. SPEAKER:

The Committee appointed by this House to visit the Royal Hospital and Lunatic Asylum, beg to report as follows:—

On Friday, the 15th, the Committee visited the Royal Hospital, and were much pleased with the state of the institution.

No complaints were made by the patients; on the contrary, everyone appeared contented and happy.

The place appeared to be kept in excellent order.

The Committee recommend that the present Lunatic Asylum, when vacated, should be converted into a hospital for incurable patients.

Last year the Committee appointed to visit this hospital recommended "the necessity of having a new ward erected for the exclusive use of patients suffering from such communicable diseases as typhoid fever, erysipelas, diphtheria, &c."

The Committee further recommend that a certain portion of the Royal Hospital should be set apart for females, as there is no accommodation at present for such patients.

The Committee visited the Lunatic Asylum on Tuesday the 19th. The approach from the main road is in a deplorable state.

The Committee feel satisfied that this establishment is in much better condition and order than it appeared to be in last year, and the patients in better health.

The number of inmates in the Asylum is thirty-seven, namely, thirty-two males and five females.

J. W. DOUGLAS,

February 25th, 1878

Chairman.

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