*Report of the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane,
Philadelphia.*

Through the kindness of Dr. Kirkbride, the Medical Superintendent, we have received the last Report of this hospital.

This hospital is now in its thirty-seventh year, having been founded in 1841.

During this period 7,427 persons of unsound mind have been received into it.

During last year the total number of patients in the hospital was 679, the highest number at a time being 451, and the lowest 397; whilst the average number under treatment during the whole of this period amounts to 210 males and 218 females.

Careful statistical tables are given, relating to the number of cases since the foundation of the hospital.

The form of Insanity mostly prevalent is Mania, the number being 3,359. There are 20 patients registered as having suffered from delirium; but we do not recognise this as a variety of Insanity, and cannot separate it from the form of madness it usually accompanies.

Everything appears to be here done for the care and treatment of those mentally afflicted.

Much stress in the Report is laid upon the usefulness to which all who are employed in an asylum can devote themselves in their various avocations.

The Report before us enters into the various expenditures during the year, and concludes with a number of well-drawn-up and arranged principles for the guidance of "those who are labouring to improve the condition of the insane."

We heartily endorse all these recommendations and thank the Medical Superintendent for his valuable Report.

*Annual Report of the Trustees and Superintendent of the
State Lunatic Hospital of Pennsylvania. Harrisburg: 1876.*

From the report before us we find that during the year ending September 1876, there were 167 males and 70 females admitted to the asylum; the number discharged during that period being 167—males 96, females 71. Of this number 38 were restored, 41 improved, 55 were stationary, and 33 died.