One hundred years ago

Lunacy in Somersetshire

At the meeting of the Somerset County Council held last week it was reported that £154,000 had been spent on the Cotford Asylum up to the present and it was estimated that the total cost would be about £170,000. The number of patients at Wells Asylum was stated to be 293 males and 505 females; total 798. Cotford Asylum has 188 males and 122 females; total 310. It was reported to the council that the sub-committee were not prepared to discontinue the use of margarine, as at the present prices of margarine and butter the difference of cost in the year's consumption would be over £800 and there was no evidence to show that the use of margarine was in any way injurious to the patients.

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Corrigendum

Livingston, G., Manela, M. & Katona, C., *BJP*, 171, 56–59. The authors have asked us to note three arithmetical errors in this paper. In Table 3 (p. 58) the total for the 'Well' column should be £11 862.48 and the total for the 'Dementia' column should be £7696.83. In Table 4 (p. 58) the cost per patient for the 'Dementia' column should be £197.36.

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