

The overseers of the Poor of the Town of Newry for the  
municipal year ending in March 1842  
submit the following report to the inhabitants  
at their annual Town meeting. ~~at~~  
The number of persons who have been in the  
Work House from March 1 1841 to March 1 1842  
is forty three viz <sup>twenty</sup> ~~20~~ men, fifteen women and  
eight children - There were on the first day of  
March instant twenty seven persons in the  
~~Work~~ House viz fourteen men, twelve women  
and one child - Of these twenty seven persons  
nine are of the age of seventy years & upwards  
eight are lunatics, one an idiot, and one  
non-compos - More than one third part of the  
whole number being thus incapacitated to take  
care of themselves by mental imbecility or the  
derangement of the ~~large~~ mental faculties and  
~~of the~~ <sup>labour of the</sup> ~~other~~ <sup>other</sup> ~~parts~~ <sup>parts</sup> being incapable of  
the ~~usual~~ <sup>usual</sup> ~~labour~~ <sup>labour</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~country~~ <sup>country</sup> ~~by~~ <sup>by</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~result~~ <sup>result</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~operation~~ <sup>operation</sup>  
of chronic bodily diseases, the ~~number~~ <sup>number</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~persons~~ <sup>persons</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~Work~~ <sup>Work</sup> ~~House~~ <sup>House</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> ~~very~~ <sup>very</sup> ~~small~~ <sup>small</sup> ~~compared~~ <sup>compared</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~other~~ <sup>other</sup> ~~Work~~ <sup>Work</sup> ~~Houses~~ <sup>Houses</sup>.  
The year is about twenty nine - One person  
died during the year - Five persons have been  
committed as drunkards and two of these five  
have been committed twice in the year -  
No one has returned intoxicated when allowed  
to go out of the house occasionally and the conduct  
of the subjects has generally been ~~good~~ decent  
orderly and decorous - The new aspect of the Temper-  
ance reform throughout the whole extent of our  
common country encourages the expectation  
of a great diminution of pauperism, but even when  
intemperance in the use of intoxicating drinks  
shall no longer be a fruitful source of poverty.



wretchedness and crime, we still shall always  
have the poor with us (and the best mode of providing  
for their wants and necessities will always be among  
the most prominent considerations in society how  
ever it may be organized. It is by ~~no~~ means  
certain that relief to be furnished by municipal  
corporations will long continue to be the mode of  
support which will be most esteemed and approved  
for its beneficial results to society. Its liability  
to abuse by its excess, and sometimes by its  
inadequacy, renders it necessary to observe its  
workings with constant vigilance and with the  
strictest scrutiny. To make it easier and more  
agreeable for a person capable of labour to receive  
his support from the alms of the public than to earn  
his living by the sweat of his brow is to pervert the  
only true foundation of social order. Labour,  
self support, independence of public aid and assistance  
will insure private virtue, domestic comfort and  
best promote the interests of society.

Although the numbers in the House for the year  
have been somewhat less than the general  
average yet the <sup>whole</sup> expense of the poor is ~~some~~  
increased from what it was the last year.

The amount of orders drawn upon the Town  
treasury by the Overseers of the Poor for the year  
is thirteen hundred & thirty one dollars & eighty three cents  
Of this amount three hundred & thirty three dollars &  
eighty six cents has been expended on account of



persons who have been chargeable but were not  
at the time in the Hoop House

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