

&c., not too large; moreover, on account of the necessity there is, sometimes, to place boisterous and violent patients at a distance from each other, and from the quiet ones. The house is well built, and if once well repaired and appointed, will require no aid for 20 years at least. The number of lunatic patients that would be placed in our Institution, within two or three years from this time, I think will not be less than 60 or 70, and as society grows more dense, this number would augment.

4th. No barrier, such as you speak of, can exclude the contagious principles; small pox poison may radiate many hundred yards, so also measles, scarlet fever, and cholera, Asiatic. Many lunatics have taken the small pox, and some have died, in consequence of this disease being admitted.

5th. Small pox is not the only, though it is the most contagious disease, from which we entertain fears; all of the above diseases are fearful to this class of patients, because they are at all times ignorant of danger, and helpless; vaccination is *no certain* preventive.

6th. It is not advisable to repair the west wing, it could not be employed for any purpose without interfering in the general practice of the Institution; and in its present dilapidated state, cannot be of any use to us; we can shut it up or pull it down. It is not, however, of any inconvenience.

Mr. Pratt's Inquiry.

I cannot answer your first as Dr. Mackenzie had no record of patients to show when we first entered on our duty.

Since our management, the table I gave you, to accompany the report of our board to the legislature, will show exactly the general amount of patients, and the particular diseases, you will therefore see that out of

40 insane
20 mania a potu,
17 intemperance,

} N.B. These three divisions are
} of the same grade, and may be
} called one class.

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77 total.

23 of these have been discharged cured, 17 relieved, 7 have died, 15 relieved and taken away by friends, 20 under care, and I can say, without fear of contradiction, that this result, compares with any success, of any other Hospital that I have seen.

R. S. STUART.