

INTERROGATORIES.

Int. 1st. How long has this institution been in the hands of the State?

Ans. The institution was recovered from the city of Baltimore, by the State, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, but there was at that time a lease to Dr. Makensie, which did not expire until January the first, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, when the board of visitors took the same under their charge.

Int. 2d. What was the state of the building?

Ans. The building was in a state of delapidation, and entirely without furniture.

Int. 3. How many patients were in the institution at that time?

Ans. Twenty-six.

Int. 4. How many are there at present?

Ans. Seventy four.

Int. 5. How many patients have been in the hospital since eighteen hundred and thirty-four?

Ans. Eight hundred and forty-two.

Int. 6. Have there been any appropriations made by the Legislature to this institution?

Ans. In eighteen hundred and thirty-four there was an appropriation of five thousand dollars, which was expended as the act of appropriation directed. In eighteen hundred and thirty-five and six, there was an appropriation of five thousand dollars per annum, for three successive years; the first was to relieve the institution of a debt of five thousand dollars, which had been created for necessary repairs and furniture; five thousand dollars were appropriated to the building of fourteen new rooms and four large hot-air furnaces, and five thousand dollars appropriated to the purchase of a lot of ground in front of the Hospital, which the board succeeded in obtaining for four thousand dollars; the balance, one thousand dollars, has been expended in building two furnaces in the west wing and in making some repairs.

Int. 7. Have you been obliged to refuse any one admittance for want of accommodation?

Ans. Yes.

Int. 8. Is the institution in debt?

Ans. No.

Int. 9. What are the wants of the institution?

Ans. The President answers that the institution requires enlargement, and that the apartment for male lunatics are now filled, and that in one of the rooms there are several persons, who should be separated; in the female department there are but two vacancies. Another very desirable object is to erect a wall around the institution, sufficient to prevent the escape of the patients. There have been instances in which lunatics have made their escape, and remained undiscovered for a long time, causing great anxiety for their safety.