

Inter. 12. What number of patients had you the first year of your administration; and what the receipts from them. And what the number of receipts the past year?

Ans. The total number of patients during the first year (1854) was 107. And the amount received by the Hospital for board of patients \$4500; \$600 were given for provisions in this year, out of the first sum appropriated. Not one dollar has been required since, for the support of the patients. During the last year 272 patients have enjoyed the benefit of the Hospital; and the total receipts are about \$15,000, with good debts of about \$3000 more, which will be collected during this year. The disbursements are about the same sum, and the responsibilities of the house about the same.

Inter. 13. Does the want of accommodations compel you to refuse admission to patients?

Ans. We have been obliged to refuse patients, some from the counties, and some were good pay patients. The institution cannot in any way accommodate more than ten or twelve pauper lunatics; and it is presumed there are at this time about one hundred in the State of Maryland. Some are in the Baltimore county alms house, and other alms houses of the several counties; whilst others are in jails, or confined among their friends. This is a matter of deep solicitude to all benevolent persons who have turned their attention to the care of lunatic paupers in this State; and it is hoped the wisdom and benevolence of our Legislature will not be less conspicuous for this charity than Massachusetts, Vermont, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and some other States, who have given, and still give much attention to this subject. I recommend to your attention the report to the people of Pennsylvania on this subject which I herewith send you.

Inter. 14. Would you advise the construction of a wall around the hospital ground; if so, for what reason, and what the probable cost?

Ans. A wall around the grounds of the institution is all important, not only to keep the patients from running off; but to keep them from intercourse with the population around the hospital. The cost, as stated above, would be about eight or ten thousand dollars.

Inter. 15. Would you recommend that the institution should at a proper period become exclusively a lunatic asylum?