

in 1797, and because such an institution ought to exist in every state, and cannot be regulated if other patients are included in its economy, and because there is no other place for lunatics, whilst there *is another place* for general diseases, the Infirmary, which should be enlarged, and rendered capable of containing all who may require hospital comforts, and where the patients of sane minds, but unsound bodies, are not tortured by the cries of the insane.

2. Not too large; it can only be made to accommodate about 75 patients, (that is, supposing the old wing not to be rebuilt,) and the number of attendants, resident physician, &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 twenty years; at least, the number of lunatic patients that would be placed in our institution within 2 or 3 years from this time, I think, will be not less than 60 or 70; and as society grows more dense, this number would augment.

4. 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

5. 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 *not certain* preventive.

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

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*Mr. Pratt's Enquiry.*

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