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THE NEW HISTORY FORM.

The Provincial Government has recently issued a new form of history, to be filled in making application for admission of a patient to a Hospital for the Insane.

While some minor changes may be called for in this form, it must be acknowledged to be a great improvement upon the forms heretofore in general use in our Institutions.

An endeavor is being made, by careful and exact methods, to record as fully as possible, accurate accounts not only of the patient's present condition, but also what we may call the physiological history of the person whose case is under consideration, and as far as it can be ascertained, that of the relatives also.

The value, for scientific deduction, in a study of heredity, consanguinity, etc., of a mass of such information is at once apparent, and the various medical staffs are undertaking a great labour along this and other lines of research. The great difficulty is to get statements sufficiently full, and at the same time exact, anything less being not only valueless but entirely misleading.

To accurately fill the new history form entails some care on the part of the physician, and it is to bespeak his interest and active co-operation that this paragraph is written. It is hoped, indeed, that he will not even confine himself to the form in question, but that he will communicate by letter any other facts of personal or ancestral history that can be furnished, being assured that their value will be fully appreciated.