

whose behalf application may be, or has been made, it is expedient that with a view to the greatest possible efficiency of the institution, a discrimination in admissions be hereafter made; therefore,—Be it enacted that the Medical Superintendent of the Asylum be authorised to give preference, in admissions, to recent urgent cases of insanity; a due reference being also had to the violence, or dangerous tendencies of the patients to be admitted.—(*Enacted 14th February, 1856.*)

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## CHAPTER II.

### THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

1. The Medical Superintendent is the head of the establishment. He has the general superintendence of the buildings, ground, and farm, together with their furniture, fixtures and stock. To him are committed the charge of the patients, and the direction and control of all matters regulating their admission and management, and the conduct of all the persons to look after them.

2. He shall cause to be kept in a suitable book, a record of the name, age, sex, place of nativity, and residence, civil state, occupation or profession of each patient; also the history of the symptoms, so far as can be ascertained; the date of discharge, whether cured, incurable, or relieved; whether eloped or dead, and if the latter, the cause thereof; together with all other facts and observations that may tend to exhibit a statistical view of the operations of the institution. Also, he shall cause to be kept by the Steward, in a

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