

INSTRUCTIONS AS TO ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

In addition to commitment as a dangerous lunatic by a Recorder, Police Magistrate, or Justice of the Peace, the law provides two methods for the admission of patients.

1st. For public patients, that is, those patients whose maintenance is at the charge of municipalities and the Province, in which cases there must be handed to the Medical Superintendent an application for admission, a physician's certificate, a history of the case, a certificate from a minister, a certificate from the mayor of the patient's domicile, and a certificate from the secretary-treasurer of the municipality from which the patient has come.

2nd. For private patients, that is, those patients whose maintenance is at their own charge, in which cases there must be handed to the Medical Superintendent an application for admission, two physicians' certificates, a history of the case, and an agreement as to the rate to be paid.

All the above forms are statutory (except the agreement in the case of private patients) and must be filled out completely and legibly in every part, signed and sworn to before the patient is brought to the Hospital, otherwise he cannot be received.

Where admission is desired for a patient, the Medical Superintendent should be asked for the necessary blank forms. If this request be made by letter, the patient's name in full and residence must be given, and the statement made whether they are required for a public or private patient, as the forms differ in the two cases. Unless the case be extremely urgent, when the patient may be brought along with the papers properly filled up, they must first be returned to the Medical Superintendent, that he may satisfy himself as to their correctness and the suitability of the case.

The rates for private patients vary from four to twelve dollars per week, to be paid monthly in advance; four dollars securing admission to public wards, six to twelve dollars admission to private wards. This includes board, lodging, washing and medical attendance.

In bringing a patient to the Hospital, use force if necessary, but never deception, as it lessens the chances of cure by making him look upon the institution with dislike, and those in charge of it as alone responsible for his being kept there. Tell the patient frankly that physician and friends consider him sick, and that it is pro-