

in Doctors Robert and William Bayard, in consultation, who agreed in the opinion that an operation was necessary. The young man was then discharged to his father, who removed him to the City, where the tumour was very skilfully extirpated by Doctor William Bayard, and the operation was followed by the most happy results. The young man is at work in the country, in the enjoyment of health, both of body and of mind.

Out of all the admissions of the year, we have remaining only eleven unimproved; two of these were admitted during the last week, consequently too late to know the result of treatment; and among the remaining nine, two are old cases, that had been before in the Asylum, and the most remarkable fact in reference to this class of statistics is, that we have had no deaths among those admitted during the year.

The yearly average of the total number of Patients in the Asylum, for five years, say from 1845 to 1849, both included, is 140 1-5. The average yearly mortality in the same time is 8 1-5. The total for 1850 is 151: the mortality is 3.

The medical treatment of the Insane I have conducted on the same general principles that I was accustomed to adopt in private practice. I soon, however, discovered that in most cases they required much larger doses than I have been in the habit of prescribing. I have used as little medicine as possible—never, however, failing to resort to it in cases where, in my judgment, insanity depended on physical disease. In such cases, I have obtained from it its usual beneficial results.

The moral treatment is based on kindness, and it is our constant aim to surround our patients with as many agreeable influences, as are in our power. But I regret that our means are so limited: we have no Chapel for religious services, and no Halls, such as are intended to be in the wings, for social parties and in-door amusements. Our Library, too, is not so varied as is desirable, to be well adapted for the use of our patients. Outside we have no Ten-pin Alley, and no arrangements for amusing and healthful recreations, the influence of which enters so largely into this branch of our treatment, and which abound at all the best establishments of the kind in the United States. And I beg to solicit your attention to these deficiencies in any plans that you may have under consideration for future improvement.