

There have been many more applications for admission than we had space for, and to a great extent we were compelled to adopt the necessity foreshadowed in last year's report. "From appearances this increase of applications is likely to continue, and we will be reduced to the necessity of confining admissions to the number of vacancies that may arise from discharges."

Many of our admissions were of the chronic or incurable classes, and as a result, we have a much less favorable cure rate the past year than we are accustomed to have. 34 per cent. in place of 45 to 50, the running average, for overcrowding militates against recovery.

It also tends to restrict the benefits of early treatment, of so much importance in recent cases, while retarding the convalescence of inmates.

Had it not been for the relief furnished our crowded wards by the Halifax City and Pictou County authorities, our ability to receive would have been much less—but unless further aid is given, our admissions must be too much curtailed.

We have put additional columns at the end of Table IV. which will show at a glance the number at present under charge who have been resident here for the past 29 years of the operation of the Hospital, with the number (residue) of each year (since 1859, the beginning) who still are inmates.

A number have been re-admitted more than once (about 10 per cent on an average); the great many, however, have been continually resident.

Of four men and one woman admitted the first year (5), four have been continuous residents for 29 years. Of the admissions of 1865 but one man and one woman remain;—of 1883, one man, but thirteen women.

In all the other years there is a varying number of 3, 5, 7, 11, 15, etc., until 1874, since which time considerable numbers remain.

The half of our patients were admitted prior to 1882.

Over 10 per cent of the inmates came here in the first 10 years (nearly 20 years ago); 20 per cent in the next 7 years, and 20 per cent in the next 6 years, leaving 50 per cent admitted since six years.

Of the admissions of the past year, 88 remain, (counting 13 re-admissions) only 24 (three of which were re-admissions) out of the 112 admitted being discharged this year—and as above referred to the greatest number are of a class not probably curable, and they will go to swell the already large number that fill up the institution and clog the work of the Hospital.

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