

## TREATMENT.



As in the past, the patients under our care have been placed in a condition conducive to calm and repose of the mind and surrounded with the attention which their state required.

Their stay in the asylum is the first indication of their treatment; they are withdrawn from the unpleasant influences which have favored the development of their disease.

The state of isolation in which the patient finds himself at the asylum has a beneficial influence upon him, and we have often had an opportunity of noting this on the arrival of violent and excited madmen who have hitherto been refractory and unmanageable and are frequently brought to us in irons. Hardly have they passed the threshold of the asylum that they are set at liberty amongst the other patients. Generally a perceptible calmness becomes apparent in most of them. They no longer find the same causes to produce excitement; on the contrary they are received with consideration and kind words, and meet with sympathy and encouragement. Calmness gradually returns and a marked cessation is noticeable in the fierceness of their delirium. Moreover, the spirit of order and of discipline, which reigns every where around them, impresses them and greatly diminishes the violence of their morbid impulses.

The patient once placed in the hospital, the first condition necessary to his treatment is fulfilled and we come to his assistance sometimes by means of those therapeutic agents