

The remoter districts of the Province are entitled to Hospital advantages, as well as the more central counties. The distance from Halifax to Yarmouth on the one hand, and to Cape Breton on the other, is too great for the safe conveyance of excited, distressed and debilitated patients. The compulsion to which they are now subjected of travelling so far at all seasons, without regard to the state of the weather or the roads, is in itself a very serious inconvenience, and one attended occasionally with hazard to life, as was proved in the case of a lady patient, brought in an enfeebled state from her distant home a few years ago, and found to be lifeless when lifted from the carriage at our door.

To some it may appear premature to urge the necessity for additional Hospital accommodation, so soon after the completion of the present edifice. When, however, the rapidity with which the new wing has been filled up, is considered; when the actual numbers of the insane are shown to be so far beyond the capacity of any one establishment; and when these are found to be steadily increasing; it will surely be admitted that injustice would be done to such as are now scattered throughout the country, if they are to be denied the opportunity of being benefited, and are to be shut out from the advantages accorded to those now under Hospital care and protection.

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