

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

To the President and Board of Management :

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to submit for your information and consideration the Sixth Annual Report of the Protestant Hospital for the Insane, being for the year ending the 31st of December, 1895.

The following table shows the general movements of population during this period :—

	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Total.
In residence January, 1st, 1895.....	137	113	250			
Out on trial January 1st. 1895	1	0	1			
Admitted during 1895	82	62	144			
Total under treatment during 1895.....				220	175	395
Discharged during 1895 :						
As recovered	30	24	54			
As improved	7	5	12			
As unimproved	8	8	16			
Total discharges during 1895.	45	37	82			
Died during 1895	26	7	33			
Discharged on trial and still out on trial Dec. 31st, 1895	1	4	5	72	48	120
Remaining in residence Dec. 31st, 1895..			148	127	275	
Percentage of discharges on admissions.....					56.94	
Percentage of recoveries on admissions					37.50	
Percentage of deaths on number under treatment					8.35	

ADMISSIONS.

The admissions for the year were exactly the same as in the previous one, viz., 144, made up of 61 private and 83 public patients.

The total number under treatment was 395, as compared with 338 in 1894.

Of those received, 51 were recent and probably curable cases, while 93 were chronic and probably incurable, 22 of them being congenital or insane over ten years prior to admission. For the latter, a hospital, although it holds out little or no hope of restoration, can still do good work by improving their general condition, correcting bad habits, adding to their comfort, and making life generally happier.

At the risk of being considered a bore, I cannot but again revert to what what one might almost style the *criminal* neglect of friends and physicians in delaying, until too late, the admission of patients to hospital treatment. The fact that over 70 per cent. of those discharged as recovered during the year had been insane less than two months prior to reception in the hospital, shows plainly the necessity for early admission in all cases of mental disorder. Were the common causes of insanity more clearly comprehended by the general