

Another point of more significance than might appear at first sight is that it presents very little of the appearance of restraint. Nothing can be seen to indicate anything of this character, except light wire screens covering the windows and balconies.

The first step necessary in establishing the Reception Hospital was to add very materially to the nursing staff. With the previous class of patients five nurses were found sufficient to carry on the work, but as it was felt that the success of the hospital would to some extent depend on individual care and skillful nursing of the patients an increase to sixteen was decided upon, and these were obtained by drafting some of the most experienced and best trained nurses from other wards of the Institution. As the hospital contains accommodation for sixty patients, this is a ratio of one nurse to 3.75 patients. A graduate nurse was placed in charge, who has general supervision over the entire nursing staff, regulates the dietary and in fact occupies a very similar position to that of the Lady Superintendent in a General Hospital. Special attention is paid to the serving of the meals, so that they may not only be inviting and suitable to the requirements of each case, but have as little of the institution character as possible. One feature which was deemed of special consequence and which has been steadfastly kept in view is the importance of emphasizing the hospital idea.

The opening of the Hospital was delayed by an outbreak of scarlet fever, but about the beginning of April it was filled with acute cases, and since that date every patient admitted to the Institution has been sent there for observation, for diagnosis, and for treatment. It was expected and hoped that many of these patients would never enter the asylum proper, would never mingle with the great mass of chronic insane, and the experience of the past six months warrants us in believing that our expectations will, to some extent at