

APPENDIX.

ADMISSION OF PATIENTS.

IN order to be benefitted by Hospital treatment, Patients should be placed under care at an early stage of their disease. The Hospital being already filled, admissions are necessarily restricted to cases of recent occurrence, which by law have a preferential claim.

The first step towards the reception of a Patient into Hospital, is to ascertain whether there be a vacancy, by enquiring at the office of the Department of Works, or of the Medical Superintendent. *No patient should be sent until this enquiry is made. It will often save disappointment and expense*

A full statement of each case, in answer to questions hereto appended, should be forwarded with the application, giving all the particulars, in as accurate and correct a manner as practicable, with the aid of those best qualified to afford the required information.

If the patient can be received, the insanity must be certified by two Medical men, separately, according to a printed form. *Attention is requested to a foot note on the Blank Certificate.*

Two good suits of clothing, at the least, should be sent with every patient. A third suit for occasional use is very desirable.

Those about to be committed to Hospital should *invariably* be informed of it *before leaving home*. Everything like deception must be scrupulously avoided. No promise as to the precise time of their return should ever be made. A twelve-month's residence, in every case should be provided for.

If the friends can afford the cost of maintenance, they are required to pay the first quarter's board, fifty dollars (\$50), in advance, at the office of the Works Department, and *an order from that office is required before admission*. If unable to pay the customary rate, the friends can petition for a reduction.

Those who have no means of payment, are chargeable to their respective counties, and for this class an order signed by two Justices of the Peace is required.

The Medical Certificates furnish the evidence on which the Justices grant their order. No depositions of witnesses are required, nor is a public investigation called for in any case.