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Officers of the Institution.

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MARIA JOHNSON, MATRON.



REPORT.

*To the honorable the Governor and Council
of the State of Maine:*

THE Trustees of the Maine Insane Hospital are gratified, that, in presenting this, their annual report, they can announce the continued successful operation of the Institution. During the past year, the number of patients has exceeded that of any previous year; showing an increased public confidence in the Institution, and a more perfect reliance on the only rational and hitherto successful treatment of insanity.

The Trustees have made their monthly and quarterly visitations to the Hospital, with one exception, as provided by law, in all of which they have seen and conversed with the patients, and made such examinations and inquiries as were deemed necessary for a more intimate knowledge of their situation, necessities, &c.; and are satisfied that they have been treated with all the care that humanity and kindness could suggest, or science dictate. The Superintendent and other officers and attendants have appeared very gentlemanly in their deportment; kind and affable in their intercourse with the patients, and untiring in their efforts to improve the condition of all under their care. The buildings and other Hospital property have been carefully inspected, and uniformly found to be well taken care of, and in good order.

The report of the Steward and Treasurer, which is herewith submitted, exhibits the financial condition of the Hospital. At

the quarterly visitation of the Trustees, the Treasurer's accounts have been audited and settled, and his vouchers carefully examined.

There is a balance of \$822,16 remaining of the appropriation of 1848 for completing the new south wing of the Hospital. It is very desirable that this balance should be reappropriated and applied to the purchase of a narrow strip of land, lying between the pasture and mowing field belonging to the Hospital, known as the Clark lot. It will be an important addition to the farm, and can be had on advantageous terms.

In the last annual report of the Trustees it was remarked, that "the increasing demand for Hospital privileges and the painful impossibility, with only the existing rooms, of making the requisite classification in the female department, constrains us urgently to present the necessity for the north wing." That necessity has become more pressing as the demand for Hospital treatment has increased. The part of the Hospital appropriated to the females is about full, and while the present number remains, future applications must be rejected for want of accommodations. It is to be hoped the next legislature, in that spirit of liberality that has so eminently characterized its predecessors towards this Institution, will adopt early and effective measures to erect, finish and furnish the new north wing of the Hospital, agreeably to the original plan of the building. It will cost about \$30,000 to erect and finish the new north wing.

In view of the pressing wants of the Institution, we would most respectfully suggest whether it would not be more economical, that the necessary amount should be appropriated in two equal annual instalments, so as to insure the completion of the new north wing in two years.

GILMAN L. BENNETT,
ISAAC REED,
WILLIAM OAKES, JR.,
R. H. GARDINER.

REPORT

OF THE

STEWARD AND TREASURER

OF THE

INSANE HOSPITAL.

1850.

R E P O R T .

To the Trustees of the Maine Insane Hospital:

IN obedience to a provision of law, I herewith submit a report of the receipts and expenditures of the Hospital, from March 31st, 1849, to March 31st, 1850. The expenditures are as follows, viz :

For balance of account in favor of Treasurer, March 31, 1849,	1,555 08
For provisions and groceries,	7,007 52
Less for oxen and cows sold,	125 00
	6,882 52
For labor,	3,405 05
Less for articles sold belonging to Hospital,	180 34
	3,224 71
For fuel and lights,	1,477 07
For carriage,	205 00
For oxen,	85 00
For three cows,	75 00
For toll,	50 00
For miscellanies,	3,887 13
Less for items transfered to account of appropriation,	333 71
	3,553 42
	\$17,107 80
Received for board of patients and all other sources,	15,817 86
	\$1,289 94

The amount of \$3,553,42 paid for miscellaneous items appears large, but there is charged in that sum for clothing, repairs to furniture and bedding, the sum of \$1,849,28; leaving a balance of \$1,704,14 to be charged as ordinary expenses of the Hospital.

Balance due the Hospital, March 31, 1850, . . .	6,685 11	
“ “ “ “ 1849, . . .	5,359 18	
		<u>\$1,325 93</u>
Balance due from the Hospital, March		
31, 1849,	1,555 08	
Balance due from the Hospital, March		
31, 1850,	1,289 94	
		<u>265 14</u>
		<u>\$1,591 07</u>

Showing the financial affairs of the Hospital \$1,591,07 better than at the close of the year 1849.

The farm, for the year past, has produced its usual amount of hay and vegetables, which has contributed much to the support of the family.

J. S. TURNER,

Steward and Treasurer.

REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT
OF THE
INSANE HOSPITAL.
1850.



REPORT.

*To the Honorable the Governor and Council
of the State of Maine:*

GENTLEMEN:—Through the superintendence of a kind Providence, we are brought to another annual period in our labors, without any fatal accident. The pestilence which has visited so many portions of our country, destroying fearful numbers and clothing thousands in habiliments of mourning, has been directed to pass by us, and we have enjoyed our usual state of physical health.

Nothing unusual has occurred as to the number of admissions, discharges, cures, or increase of numbers at the close of the year.

Although I have doubts of the usefulness of tabular reports, and share those doubts in common with several gentlemen for whose opinions on this and other subjects I entertain the highest respect, I shall continue the use of tables for the gratification of those who think important information is imparted and obtained by that method. When honestly made, they are not likely to do injury; but I am sure they are sometimes made instruments of deception. If figures cannot lie, they may mislead by disguising the truth.

For instance, suppose at the end of each year, instead of reporting all cases as *recent* which were actually admitted within one year of the attack, I should, for the purpose of *appearing* to cure 90 per cent. of recent cases *discharged*, report only *such* as *recent* cases, which had not become old ones by remaining

with us, I might impose the belief on the *uninitiated* that 90 per cent. of *recent* cases could be cured; when every man acquainted with the subject knows that no instance can be shown, in which 90 out of 100 cases, admitted in succession, no matter how *recent*, ever were cured.

On examination of our records, I find there remains this day sixty-five cases which were admitted within one year of the attack, - - - - - 65
Seventy-nine which were more than one year, - - 79

Total, - - - - - 144
But, "as the manner of some is," calling none *recent* except such as have not *now* been insane over one year, the account stands, recent, - - - - - 36
Old cases, - - - - - 108

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I have said in former reports, "our cases remain as first recorded."

*General Statement of the affairs of the Hospital for the year
ending 31st March, 1850.*

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining March 31, 1849,	79	48	127
Admitted since,	63	63	126
Number of cases under treatment,	142	111	253
Discharged during the year :—			
Recovered,	30	28	58
Improved,	10	10	20
Unimproved,	8	8	16
Died,	8	7	15
Total,	56	53	109
Remaining March 31, 1850,	86	58	144
Per cent. of recoveries on discharges and deaths,			53.21
Largest number during year, 25th March,			148
Smallest number during year,			126
Average number,			137
Average number last report,			126
Civil condition of those admitted :—			
Married,	35	29	64
Single,	28	22	50
Widowed,		12	12
			126
Duration of disease before admission :—			
Less than one year,	48	49	97
More than one year,	15	14	29
			126
Recent cases discharged, recovered,	28	24	52
Average time in Hospital, 163 days,			
Old cases recovered,	2	4	6
Average time in Hospital, 231 days,			
Recent cases discharged, not recovered,			25
Old cases discharged, not recovered,			26
			109
Per cent. of recovered of recent cases, 67.5 } Per cent. of recovered of old cases, 18.7 }			
Returned within the year,			6
Of these, there had been discharged, as recovered,			4

[No. 1.] Showing the disposal and state of 127 patients remaining March 31, 1849.

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No.	Time of admission.	Sex.	Civil state.	Age when admitted.		By whom committed.	Duration of attack before admission.	Time in Hospital.	Discharged, dead, remain.	In what state.	Remarks.
				Age at first attack.							
15	14 Nov., 1840.	F	S	44	24	Friends.	20 years.	9 yrs. 4 mos.	Remains.	Unimproved.	Now supported by town.
28	30 Dec., "	M	"	37	25	do.	12 do.	9 yrs. 3 mos.	do.	do.	do. —homicidal.
48	25 Feb., 1841.	"	"	53	23	Town.	30 do.	9 yrs. 1 mo.	do.	do.	Chained twenty-five years—homicidal.
52	9 March, "	"	M	36	32	do.	4 do.	9 do.	Discharged.	do.	Epileptic—homicidal.
70	8 April, "	"	S	28	25	Town.	3 do.	9 do.	Remains.	do.	Suicidal.
74	21 " "	"	"	18	16	Friends.	2 do.	8 yrs. 11 mo.	do.	do.	
118	14 Oct., "	"	"	17	16	do.	1 do.	8 do. 5 do.	do.	do.	Second admission.
126	29 " "	"	"	37	29	do.	8 do.	8 do. 5 do.	do.	Improved.	
131	13 Dec., "	F	"	27	23	Town.	4 do.	8 do. 3 do.	do.	Unimproved.	
139	14 Jan., 1842.	M	"	48	33	Court.	15 do.	8 do. 2 do.	do.	do.	State charge--homicidal.
167	11 May, "	"	"	20	18	Friends.	2 do.	7 yrs. 10 do.	do.	do.	2d admission.
215	2 Nov., "	"	M	70	66	do.	4 do.	7 do. 4 do.	do.	do.	
229	23 Feb., 1843.	"	S	43	25	do.	18 do.	7 do. 1 do.	do.	do.	
300	17 Nov., "	"	"	25	21	do.	4 do.	6 do. 4 do.	do.	do.	Belongs out of State.
304	29 " "	"	M	36	35	Town.	8 months.	6 do. 4 do.	do.	do.	
314	10 Jan., 1844.	"	S	30	26	Friends.	4 years.	5 do. 5 do.	Died.	Apoplexy.	2d admission.
321	22 Feb., "	F	M	37	34	Town.	3 do.	6 do. 1 do.	Remains.	Unimproved.	Irish—State charge.
350	26 June, "	M	W	57	27	Court.	4 do.	5 do. 9 do.	do.	Improved.	State charge—committed homicides.
366	12 Sept., "	F	M	42	39	Friends.	3 do.	5 do. 6 do.	do.	do.	
367	17 " "	"	M	48	28	do.	20 do.	5 do. 6 do.	do.	Unimproved.	
427	31 May, 1845.	"	"	37	36	Town.	1 year.	4 do. 10 do.	do.	do.	Irish—State charge.
443	27 June, "	"	"	27	25	do.	1 yr. 6 mos.	4 do. 9 do.	do.	do.	
446	8 July, "	"	M	40	36	do.	9 weeks.	4 do. 8 do.	do.	do.	Homicidal.

INSANE HOSPITAL.

465	10 Sept.,	1845.	M	M	45 30	Court.	15 years.	4 yrs. 6 mos.	Remains.	Unimproved.	State charge—from Vermont.
479	14 Oct.,	"	F	"	33 20	Town.	4 months.	3 do. 6 do.	Discharged.	Improved.	Committed homicide—2d adm.
493	30 Dec.,	"	M	S	32 31	City.	6 do.	4 do. 3 do.	Remains.	Unimproved.	
500	24 Jan.,	1846.	"	M	37 29	Friends.	8 years.	4 do. 2 do.	do.	Improved.	Now by town.
502	19 Feb.,	"	"	S	34 30	Town.	3 do.	4 do. 1 do.	do.	Unimproved.	
503	23 "	"	F	"	46 27	Friends.	19 do.	4 do. 1 do.	do.	do.	2d admission.
514	29 March,	"	M	"	29 22	Town.	7 do.	4 years.	do.	do.	Homicidal—2d admission.
519	26 April,	"	"	"	25 22	do.	1 yr. 1 mo.	3 do. 2 mos.	Discharged.	Improved.	2d admission.
528	15 May,	"	"	M	38 36	do.	1 yr. 2 mos.	3 yrs. 10 do.	Remains.	Unimproved.	Epileptic.
559	22 August,	"	F	"	42 37	do.	4 months.	3 do. 7 do.	do.	do.	2d admission.
568	16 Sept.,	"	"	"	51 30	Friends.	6 weeks.	3 do. 6 do.	do.	Improved.	
589	4 Dec.,	"	M	S	40 30	Town.	7 years.	3 do. 4 do.	do.	Unimproved.	State charge.
604	4 Feb.,	1847.	F	M	30 28	do.	2 do.	3 do. 2 do.	do.	do.	Irish—State charge.
605	17 "	"	M	"	52 40	do.	12 do.	3 do. 1 do.	do.	do.	Chained 3 years—homicidal— 2d admission.
611	9 March,	"	"	S	42 40	Court.	1 yr. 3 mos.	3 do.	do.	do.	Property supports—2d adm'n.
613	12 "	"	F	M	36 33	Friends.	3 years.	3 do.	do.	do.	Epileptic.
616	11 April,	"	M	S	40 35	do.	1 yr. 3 mos	2 do. 11 do.	do.	do.	
618	25 "	"	F	M	36 36	Town.	1 week.	2 do. 10 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	
624	11 May,	"	M	S	19 17	do.	1 yr. 6 mos.	2 do. 5 do.	do.	Unimproved.	
625	11 "	"	"	M	35 34	do.	5 weeks.	2 do. 4 do.	Died.	Paralysis.	
630	20 "	"	"	"	33 33	Friends.	2 do.	2 do. 10 do.	Remains.	Unimproved.	Now by town—homicidal.
642	22 June,	"	"	S	46 40	Town.	9 months.	1 do. 9 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	Irish—State charge.
650	1 July,	"	F	M	63 52	Friends.	3 years.	1 do. 11 do.	do.	Unimproved.	2d admission.
660	20 "	"	M	S	55 27	Town.	1 yr. 8 mos.	2 do. 8 do.	Remains.	Improved.	Suicidal—5th admission.
662	29 "	"	F	"	53 47	City.	1 month.	2 do. 2 do.	Died.	Marasmus.	Suicidal—3d admission.
670	14 August,	"	M	M	76 72	Town.	4 years.	2 do. 4 do.	do.	Apoplexy.	State charge.
671	25 "	"	"	"	48 48	do.	6 months.	1 do. 11 do.	Discharged.	Improved.	
676	9 Sept.,	"	"	S	40 37	City.	3 years.	2 do. 6 do.	Remains.	Unimproved.	Colored—State charge.
677	9 "	"	"	"	35 34	do.	1 yr. 2 mos.	2 do. 6 do.	do.	do.	Irish—State charge.
678	9 "	"	"	M	51 18	do.	33 years.	2 do. 6 do.	do.	do.	
679	9 "	"	F	S	38 25	do.	13 do.	2 do. 6 do.	do.	do.	Irish—State charge.
685	1 Oct.,	"	M	"	33 28	Town.	1 yr. 6 mos.	2 do. 6 do.	do.	do.	
688	4 "	"	F	"	42 26	do.	16 years.	2 do. 6 do.	do.	do.	Wore chain 5 years.
693	19 "	"	M	M	42 40	do.	2 do.	2 do. 5 do.	do.	do.	
695	21 "	"	F	"	52 27	do.	25 do.	1 do. 6 do.	Discharged.	Improved.	2d admission.

Table No. 1—(Continued.)

No.	Time of admission.	Sex.	Civil state.	Age when admitted.	Age at first attack.	By whom committed.	Duration of attack before admission.	Time in Hospital.	Discharged, dead, remain.	In what state.	Remarks.
704	30 Oct., 1847.	F	M	53	18	Town.	35 years.	2 yrs. 5 mos.	Remains.	Unimproved.	Homicidal.
707	11 Nov., "	"	W	45	37	do.	8 do.	1 do. 9 do.	Discharged.	do.	
712	26 " "	M	S	28	20	Court.	8 do.	2 do. 4 do.	Remains.	do.	Formerly State ch., now town.
713	8 Dec., "	"	M	60	50	Town.	8 do.	1 do. 6 do.	Discharged.	Improved.	
719	27 " "	"	S	33	31	do.	1 yr. 5 mos.	1 do. 7 do.	do.	Unimproved.	
721	7 Jan., 1848.	"	"	28	26	do.	2 yrs. 3 mos.	2 do. 2 do.	Remains.	do.	State charge—Canadian.
728	14 Feb., "	F	M	46	43	do.	3 years.	2 do. 1 do.	do.	do.	
731	18 " "	"	M	55	52	do.	3 do.	2 do. 1 do.	do.	do.	
733	19 " "	"	S	35	25	do.	2 weeks.	2 do. 1 do.	do.	do.	Colored.
739	10 March, "	"	"	27	23	Friends.	8 months.	67 weeks.	Discharged.	Improved.	
745	24 " "	F	M	47	26	do.	10 years.	105 do.	Remains.	do.	2d admission.
752	24 April, "	"	S	29	26	do.	3 do.	101 do.	do.	Unimproved.	2d admission.
753	25 " "	"	M	26	18	Town.	1 month.	71 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	3d admission.
763	18 May, "	F	"	42	27	do.	15 years.	96 do.	Remains.	Improved.	Deaf and dumb.
769	13 June, "	"	M	26	19	Friends.	2 months.	93 do.	do.	Unimproved.	2d admission.
782	12 July, "	"	M	53	48	Town.	5 years.	54 do.	Discharged.	Improved.	
787	29 " "	F	"	50	40	do.	10 do.	52 do.	do.	do.	
788	5 August, "	"	"	35	31	Friends.	4 do.	86 do.	Remains.	Unimproved.	2d admission.
793	15 " "	"	M	33	28	City.	5 do.	85 do.	do.	Improved.	2d admission.
797	17 " "	"	S	19	19	do.	2 weeks.	85 do.	do.	Unimproved.	Irish—State charge.
798	21 " "	"	W	60	52	Town.	8 years.	84 do.	do.	do.	
805	5 Sept., "	"	S	35	27	do.	8 do.	82 do.	do.	do.	5th admission.
807	8 " "	"	M	43	43	Friends.	6 months.	39 do.	Discharged.	do.	
810	9 " "	"	F	19	16	Town.	3 years.	80 do.	Remains.	do.	
811	20 " "	"	M	25	25	Friends.	3 months.	41 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	

816	26 Sept.,	1848.	F	M	30 29	Friends.	15 months.	52 weeks.	Discharged.	Unimproved.	Suicidal.
817	5 Oct.,	"	M	S	21 21	do.	2 do.	34 do.	do.	Recovered.	
818	10 "	"	"	"	24 18	Town.	3 do.	48 do.	do.	do.	2d admission—homicidal.
819	13 "	"	"	"	24 13	do.	11 years.	40 do.	do.	Unimproved.	
820	22 "	"	F	"	18 17	Friends.	13 months.	72 do.	do.	Recovered.	
823	30 "	"	M	"	33 24	Court.	9 years.	74 do.	Remains.	Unimproved.	To be observed—general paralysis—State charge—has committed homicide.
824	30 "	"	"	"	28 28	Friends.	3 months.	22 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	
826	2 Nov.,	"	F	M	47 20	Town.	5 years.	26 do.	do.	do.	
828	10 "	"	"	W	48 16	Friends.	3 months.	48 do.	do.	Improved.	
830	13 "	"	"	M	30 26	City.	4 weeks.	27 do.	do.	Recovered.	Irish—State charge.
831	15 "	"	"	S	16 16	do.	4 days.	24 do.	do.	do.	
832	15 "	"	"	W	59 30	Friends.	3 months.	22 do.	do.	do.	
834	17 "	"	M	S	27 26	do.	9 months.	27 do.	do.	Improved.	
836	22 "	"	F	M	41 25	Town.	20 months.	70 do.	Remains.	do.	2d admission.
837	22 "	"	"	S	31 30	City.	6 months.	70 do.	do.	Unimproved.	Irish—State charge.
838	22 "	"	M	"	38 30	Town.	6 weeks.	70 do.	do.	Improved.	
839	24 "	"	F	W	87 46	Friends.	3 years.	37 do.	Died.	Old age.	
841	10 Dec.,	"	"	S	59 48	Town.	4 months.	36 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	2d admission.
842	12 "	"	"	M	30 29	do.	2 weeks.	68 do.	Remains.	Improved.	
843	25 "	"	M	"	55 52	Friends.	6 do.	20 do.	Discharged.	do.	
844	29 "	"	"	S	25 22	Town.	4 do.	65 do.	Remains.	do.	2d admission.
846	9 Jan.,	1849.	F	"	33 23	Friends.	10 years.	26 do.	Discharged.	Unimproved.	
847	9 "	"	M	"	18 11	Court.	6 do.	43 do.	do.	Improved.	Discharged by order of court, and returned; State charge until time of discharge.
848	18 "	"	F	M	50 34	Friends.	1 week.	23 do.	do.	Recovered.	
849	20 "	"	"	"	31 31	Town.	2 do.	13 do.	do.	do.	
850	20 "	"	M	S	19 19	do.	3 months.	13 do.	do.	do.	
851	25 "	"	F	M	43 20	do.	3 weeks.	15 do.	do.	do.	
852	25 "	"	M	S	26 26	do.	2 months.	16 do.	do.	do.	
853	25 "	"	"	"	30 29	do.	1 yr. 3 mos.	28 do.	do.	do.	
854	26 "	"	F	M	35 33	Friends.	2 years.	15 do.	do.	do.	
855	31 "	"	M	S	23 19	do.	3 months.	28 do.	do.	do.	
856	3 Feb.,	"	"	"	21 20	Town.	2 do.	16 do.	do.	do.	2d admission.

Table No. 1—(Continued.)

No.	Time of admission.	Sex.	Civil state.	Age when admitted.	Age at first attack.	By whom committed	Duration of attack before admission.	Time in Hospital.	Discharged, dead, remain.	In what state.	Remarks.
857	14 Feb., 1849.	M	S	18	2	Town.	16 years.	59 weeks.	Remains.	Unimproved.	Imbecile.
858	14 " "	F	W	53	31	Friends.	8 months.	13 do.	Discharged.	Improved.	Returned.
859	17 " "	"	M	27	17	Town.	3 weeks.	34 do.	do.	do.	2d admission—suicidal.
860	19 " "	"	"	"	27	do.	3 months.	50 do.	do.	do.	No residence in State—State charge.
861	21 " "	M	S	20	19	do.	8 do.	45 do.	do.	Recovered.	
862	21 " "	F	M	47	37	do.	10 years.	26 do.	do.	Improved.	Suicidal.
863	3 March, "	"	"	37	20	Friends.	10 days.	10 do.	do.	Recovered.	4th admission.
864	7 " "	M	S	50	47	Town.	3 years.	55 do.	Remains.	Unimproved.	Irish—homicidal—State ch.
865	9 " "	"	"	"	29	do.	12 do.	35 do.	Discharged.	do.	Homicidal—dis. by selectmen.
866	22 " "	F	M	53	33	do.	2 do.	2 do.	do.	do.	Unfit subject.
867	28 " "	M	S	34	16	do.	8 months.	27 do.	do.	Recovered.	
868	31 " "	F	"	17	17	Friends.	2 do.	29 do.	do.	do.	

INSANE HOSPITAL.

[No. 2.] Showing the disposal and state of 126 patients admitted during the year.

869	2 April, 1849.	F	M	26	25	Friends.	3 months.	11 weeks.	Discharged.	Recovered.	Since committed homicide and suicide.
870	8 " "	F	S	21	3	Town.	18 years.	37 do.	do.	Improved.	Deaf.
871	10 " "	"	M	47	40	do.	2 months.	50 do.	Remains.	do.	
872	10 " "	"	S	32	10	do.	22 years.	27 do.	Died.	Marasmus.	Epileptic.
873	10 " "	F	M	22	22	Friends.	6 weeks.	19 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	Suicidal.

874	10	April, 1849.	M	M	50	49	Friends.	6	months.	11	weeks.	Discharged.	Unimproved.	Returned—improperly remo'd.
875	12	"	F	W	58	49	do.	8	do.	50	do.	Remains.	Improved.	2d admission.
876	13	"	M	S	26	26	do.	6	do.	11	do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	Returned.
877	14	"	"	M	40	38	Town.	1	yr. 3	50	do.	Remains.	Unimproved.	
878	17	"	F	S	24	23	do.	11	months.	12	do.	Discharged.	do.	
879	18	"	"	M	18	48	do.	3	do.	49	do.	Remains.	do.	Now a widow.
880	25	"	"	S	31	23	do.	4	do.	48	do.	do.	Improved.	6th admission.
881	1	May,	M	"	27	26	Friends.	6	do.	48	do.	do.	Unimproved.	Suicidal.
882	2	"	"	"	29	28	do.	8	do.	47	do.	do.	do.	
883	8	"	"	M	65	64	do.	9	do.	47	do.	do.	Improved.	
884	12	"	M	"	50	37	Town.	2	weeks.	46	do.	do.	Unimproved.	2d admission.
885	19	"	F	"	54	53	do.	1	year.	5	do.	Died.	Paralytic.	General paralysis.
886	22	"	"	"	39	16	City.	6	months.	16	do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	
887	22	"	"	S	34	34	do.	3	do.	6	do.	do.	Unimproved.	
888	25	"	"	M	45	30	Town.	10	days.	21	do.	do.	Recovered.	2d admission—returned.
889	28	"	M	S	25	18	do.	1	year.	44	do.	Remains.	Unimproved.	Suicidal.
890	2	June,	"	M	40	37	do.	3	years.	43	do.	do.	do.	Irish.
891	4	"	"	"	55	52	Friends.	1	year.	43	do.	do.	do.	Suicidal.
892	6	"	F	S	21	18	Town.	3	ys. 6	43	do.	do.	Improved.	2d admission.
893	7	"	M	M	60	50	do.	6	weeks.	5	days.	Discharged.	Recovered.	
894	8	"	"	S	22	21	do.	2	months.	34	weeks.	do.	do.	
895	8	"	F	"	23	22	do.	1	year.	10	do.	Died.	Marasmus.	From starvation.
896	12	"	"	M	60	35	Friends.	3	months.	8	do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	
897	14	"	"	M	36	35	Town.	18	do.	14	do.	Died.	Paralytic.	General paralysis—homicidal.
898	15	"	"	"	54	37	do.	2	weeks.	10	do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	3d admission—returned--homicidal.
899	15	"	F	S	30	20	Friends.	1	year.	31	do.	do.	Improved.	By order of selectmen—prematurely.
900	11	"	"	"	19	18	Town.	1	do.	26	do.	do.	Recovered.	
901	16	"	M	M	41	40	Friends.	3	months.	27	do.	do.	do.	Suicidal.
902	18	"	F	"	50	30	Town.	6	do.	41	do.	Remains.	Improved.	Irish—State charge—2d adm.
903	18	"	M	"	50	50	Friends.	4	do.	26	do.	Discharged.	do.	Homicidal—by order of selectmen—in a state dangerous to himself.
904	30	"	F	"	45	30	Town.	2	do.	39	do.	Remains.	Unimproved.	Irish—State charge.
905	30	"	M	"	32	30	do.	3	weeks.	12	do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	

Table No. 2—(Continued.)

No.	Time of admission.			Sex.	Civil state.	Age when admitted.	Age at first attack.	By whom committed.	Duration of attack before admission.	Time in Hospital.	Discharged, dead, remain.	In what state.	Remarks.
906	1 July,	1849	F	M	31	30	City.		3 months.	39 weeks.	Remains.	Improved.	Irish—State charge—2d adm.
907	3 "	"	M	S	28	26	Friends.		3 years.	38 do.	do.	Unimproved.	
908	7 "	"	F	M	47	47	do.		4 weeks.	5 do.	Died.	Exhaustion.	2d admission.
909	9 "	"	M	S	46	33	Town.		10 days.	26 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	
910	14 "	"	F	M	38	38	Friends.		4 months.	37 do.	Remains.	Improved.	2d admission.
811	23 "	"	M	"	44	31	do.		2 weeks.	4 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	
912	23 "	"	"	"	68	56	do.		4 do.	6 do.	do.	do.	2d admission.
913	23 "	"	F	W	53	53	do.		7 do.	25 do.	do.	do.	
914	27 "	"	"	M	29	20	do.		3 months.	10 do.	do.	Unimproved.	Removed for want of proper papers—3d admission. Homicidal and suicidal.
915	28 "	"	F	S	20	18	Town.		2 do.	26 do.	do.	Recovered.	2d admission—consumptive.
916	30 "	"	"	W	53	31	Friends.		13 do.	34 do.	Remains.	Improved.	2d admission.
917	31 "	"	M	M	32	32	Town.		3 weeks.	5 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	Irish—State charge—returned.
918	1 Aug.,	"	F	W	50	50	Friends.		4 months.	6 days.	Died.	Exhaustion.	Improper admission.
919	9 "	"	M	S	9	5	Town.		4 years.	12 weeks.	Discharged.	Unimproved.	Epileptic.
920	11 "	"	F	"	18	18	City.		2 months.	33 do.	Remains.	Improved.	2d admission.
921	15 "	"	"	M	53	53	Town.		2 do.	19 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	
922	15 "	"	"	"	44	44	Friends.		6 do.	33 do.	Remains.	Improved.	4th admission.
923	17 "	"	M	"	81	80	do.		6 do.	8 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	
924	20 "	"	"	"	55	38	Town.		2 weeks.	32 do.	Remains.	Improved.	2d admission.
925	24 "	"	"	S	24	17	do.		3 days.	31 do.	do.	do.	
926	25 "	"	F	M	44	44	Friends.		4 months.	9 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	2d admission.
927	27 "	"	M	S	26	26	Town.		1 month.	31 do.	Remains.	Improved.	
928	27 "	"	F	"	49	48	do.		13 months.	31 do.	do.	Unimproved.	

929	28 Aug,	1849.	F	S	26 26	City.	3 months.	31 weeks.	Remains.	Improved.	Irish—State charge.
930	1 Sept.,	"	M	M	52 52	Town.	3 do.	11 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	Homicidal and suicidal.
931	4 "	"	"	S	29 25	do.	3 do.	21 do.	do.	do.	English—supported by friends.
932	5 "	"	"	M	50 49	do.	10 do.	6 do.	Died.	Marasmus.	2d admission.
933	7 "	"	"	"	48 48	do.	6 weeks.	29 do.	Remains.	Improved.	Paraplegic.
934	10 "	"	F	S	38 18	Friends.	20 years.	10 do.	Discharged.	do.	
935	10 "	"	M	M	32 32	Town.	3 days.	29 do.	Remains.	do.	Irish—State charge—2d adm.
936	11 "	"	F	S	44 44	Friends.	3 months.	29 do.	do.	Unimproved.	Suicidal.
937	13 "	"	"	"	56 36	Town.	1 week.	9 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	
938	14 "	"	"	M	43 43	do.	5 months.	3 days.	Died.	Paralytic.	General palsy.
939	15 "	"	M	"	44 25	do.	1 week.	15 weeks.	Discharged.	Recovered.	4th admission.
940	17 "	"	F	"	30 22	do.	1 month.	28 do.	Remains.	Unimproved.	
941	20 "	"	M	S	51 50	Friends.	16 months.	27 do.	do.	Improved.	
942	29 "	"	"	M	39 32	do.	6 do.	26 do.	do.	do.	Committed homicide—at-tempted suicide.
943	2 Oct.,	"	"	S	26 20	Court.	3 months.	25 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	Charged with crime—to be observed—State charge.
944	4 "	"	F	"	34 20	Town.	14 years.	25 do.	Remains.	Improved.	
945	8 "	"	M	"	18 16	Friends.	3 months.	25 do.	do.	Unimproved.	
946	9 "	"	F	M	39 30	do.	4 yrs. 6 mos.	25 do.	do.	do.	2d admission.
947	9 "	"	"	"	53 23	do.	18 months.	9 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	
948	10 "	"	M	"	58 44	Court.	4 years.	24 do.	Remains.	Unimproved.	
949	13 "	"	F	S	24 24	Friends.	3 months.	21 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	Suicidal.
850	17 "	"	M	"	20 20	Town.	6 do.	23 do.	Remains.	Unimproved.	Homicidal.
951	25 "	"	"	"	22 22	Friends.	3 do.	22 do.	do.	Improved.	
952	30 "	"	F	W	48 26	Town.	4 years.	21 do.	do.	Unimproved.	Suicidal.
953	1 Nov.,	"	"	M	20 20	Friends.	3 weeks.	3 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	
954	5 "	"	M	S	40 16	Town.	3 months.	20 do.	Remains.	Improved.	3d admission.
955	10 "	"	F	W	51 36	Friends.	3 do.	19 do.	do.	do.	
956	10 "	"	"	M	46 35	do.	3 weeks.	19 do.	do.	do.	4th admission.
957	16 "	"	"	"	30 29	Town.	1 year.	13 do.	do.	do.	
958	21 "	"	M	S	36 34	Friends.	18 months.	18 do.	do.	do.	Suicidal.
959	22 "	"	F	"	40 39	Town.	15 do.	18 do.	do.	Unimproved.	
960	23 "	"	"	M	42 15	do.	2 years.	18 do.	do.	do.	
961	24 "	"	"	"	46 30	do.	4 weeks.	18 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	3d admission.
962	28 "	"	"	S	37 21	Friends.	6 months.	17 do.	Remains.	Unimproved.	

Table No. 2—(Continued.)

No.	Time of admission.	Sex.	Civil state.	Age when admitted.	Age at first attack.	By whom committed.	Duration of attack before admission.	Time in Hospital.	Discharged, dead, remain.	In what state.	Remarks.
963	30 Nov., 1849.	F	W	33	16	Town.	4 months.	17 weeks.	Remains.	Improved.	
964	1 Dec., "	M	M	47	47	Friends.	6 do.	17 do.	do.	do.	Suicidal.
965	5 "	"	"	30	29	Town.	1 week.	16 do.	do.	do.	
966	6 "	"	"	40	35	Friends.	6 months.	13 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	
967	8 "	F	S	24	23	Town.	1 year.	16 do.	Remains.	Improved.	Suicidal.
968	13 "	"	W	39	37	do.	1 month.	15 do.	do.	Unimproved.	
969	21 "	"	S	52	51	Friends.	2 months.	14 do.	do.	Improved.	
970	21 "	M	"	40	38	Town.	2 years.	14 do.	do.	Unimproved.	Irish—State charge.
971	22 "	F	W	56	56	do.	6 months.	14 do.	do.	do.	
972	27 "	M	M	57	42	Town.	18 do.	13 do.	do.	Improved.	Homicidal.
973	27 "	"	"	40	39	do.	6 weeks.	13 do.	do.	do.	Suicidal.
974	27 "	"	S	33	26	do.	7 years.	13 do.	do.	do.	
975	4 Jan., 1850.	"	"	15	12	do.	3 do.	12 do.	do.	Unimproved.	Epileptic.
976	15 "	"	"	23	23	Friends.	5 weeks.	11 do.	do.	Improved.	
977	17 "	"	"	19	11	Court.	8 years.	11 do.	do.	Unimproved.	Returned by order of court— 2d admission.
978	20 "	"	M	55	37	Town.	2 weeks.	5 do.	Discharged.	Recovered.	4th admission—homicidal.
979	28 "	F	S	15	11	Friends.	4 years.	9 do.	Remains.	Unimproved.	
980	28 "	"	M	39	38	do.	6 months.	9 do.	do.	do.	
981	4 Feb., "	"	M	51	25	Town.	3 do.	8 do.	do.	Improved.	
982	5 "	F	S	22	21	do.	16 do.	8 do.	do.	do.	
983	24 "	"	"	30	29	Friends.	3 do.	3 do.	Died.	Phthisic.	Improper subject.
984	28 "	"	F	37	24	do.	3 years.	5 do.	Remains.	Unimproved.	Suicidal.
985	11 March, "	M	"	49	49	Town.	4 weeks.	3 do.	do.	do.	
986	12 "	F	W	33	30	do.	4 do.	3 do.	do.	do.	

987	13	March, 1850.	F	M	25	25	City.	3 months.	3 weeks.	Remains.	Unimproved.	
988	19	"	M	"	49	32	do.	6 weeks.	2 do.	do.	do.	
989	19	"	F	W	74	50	Town.	2 months.	2 do.	do.	do.	
990	20	"	M	S	38	38	do.	1 week.	5 days.	Died.	Prenitis.	Improper subject—suicidal.
991	22	"	"	M	47	44	do.	3 years.	11 do.	Remains.	Unimproved.	
992	25	"	F	W	33	32	do.	5 months.	7 do.	do.	do.	Suicidal.
993	25	"	M	M	30	30	Friends.	2 weeks.	7 do.	do.	do.	
994	25	"	F	"	40	39	Town.	9 months.	7 do.	do.	do.	

General Abstract of the above Tables.

	Males.	Females.	Total.	Discharged.	Recovered.	Improved.	Unimpr'd.	Died.
Whole number in Table No. 1,	79	48	127	Recent cases, More than one year,	52 6	10 10	5 11	10 5
Discharged, recovered, do. improved, do. unimproved,	13 9 6	13 7 5	26 16 11	Total,	58	20	16	15
Died,	3	2	5	Per ct. recent cases recove'd,	67.5			
Remain, improved, do. unimproved,	7 41	6 15	13 56	Per ct. old cases recovered,	18.7			
				Suicidal, Homicidal, Suicidal and homicidal, Committed homicide before admission, Committed homicide and suicide since discharge,	21 20 5		4 1	
Whole number in Table No. 2,	63	63	126	Second admission, Third do. Fourth do. Fifth do. Sixth do.	35 6 5 2 1			
Discharged, recovered, do. improved, do. unimproved,	17 1 2	15 3 3	32 4 5					
Died,	5	5	10					
Remain, improved, do. unimproved,	20 18	18 19	38 37					

There are several items in the above tables requiring remark. I have formerly spoken of having many persons brought to us in a condition wholly unfit for reception. Such are persons in the last stages of life. Our list of deaths is thus annually increased.

The lady who died of old age, was admitted to relieve a family deprived of necessary rest on her account. One case of phrenitis and one of palsy died within three days, and one of consumption soon after admission. The journey increases the danger, and we can do nothing for their relief, which could not as well be done at home.

Possibly, the unprecedented number of suicidal and homicidal inmates the past year, may have come to us in consequence of the pointed observations in former reports, on the subject respecting the entire impropriety of keeping them in families.

How we have prevented so many from accomplishing their determined purpose, seems little less than miraculous.

The act of 14th August last, if not modified or repealed, is destined to have a most deleterious effect on the safety of these persons and the public. This act takes from the officers of this institution the decision placed in them by the law of 1847, and from the justices of the peace and quorum, sitting in Augusta, as to the proper time of discharge, and places it in the hands of city and town authorities where the patient resides. Whether persons who have not seen patients for six months, nor having before them persons who have had any care of them, are better judges than those who have been conversant with them, or who have at hand witnesses who have, I shall not pretend to decide.

It has been the decided opinion of the trustees and myself, that no person who was known to have committed homicide, or who continued to have a propensity to suicide, ought under any circumstances to be discharged.

We think, also, that persons recovering, should rarely, if ever, be discharged before the cure is confirmed. All these classes, unless committed by the *courts*, are liable to be removed, to the

injury of themselves and others. The above action of the officers of this Hospital, is sustained by the written and oral opinions of the best informed men in this and other countries. I have only to state the action already experienced, to show the injurious tendency of the law. In the first case decided, no request was made nor notice given after the law was passed. In the second, a man, who had mutilated his brother with an axe, nearly severing his arm from his shoulder, was ordered out because "improperly detained" by the trustees and myself, notwithstanding he was in no way improved. I understand he is now chained, at the expense of the town, to prevent murder and save expense. Neither in this, nor in any case, has any notice been given us when the hearing was to be, or was had, nor was any testimony called for from the Hospital.

In the third case, a man, known to be suicidal before admission, and who came near destroying himself by cutting his throat while here, and in whom no improvement had taken place so far as that propensity was concerned, was ordered to be discharged at the expiration of six months. The fourth was that of an excellent young woman, who was much improved, and whose means were expended. The selectmen ordered her discharge, although advised of the facts. We are happy to learn that she has since recovered. It may be proper to state, there are several cases of suicidal and homicidal persons now with us; one of whom has destroyed his child and very nearly his own life, who are all liable to be let loose on themselves and the community in a like summary manner.

There have come to our knowledge seventeen cases of suicide in this state the last year—males, eight; females, nine. By hanging, twelve; by drowning, three; poison, one; with razor, one; two mothers first destroyed a child each.

Most of these were more or less insane, and known to have suicidal propensities for some time previous to committing the act. Two, only, had been in the Hospital; one of these was

prematurely removed ; the other was not known to be disposed to homicide nor suicide, but has since committed both.

It is probable some cases have not been heard from. It would be easy to show that nearly or quite as many more have made very determined attempts, which have been defeated by accident or design.

There have been twenty-five cases chargeable to the State. Seventeen foreigners ; eight from other States, or ordered here by the courts, charged with crimes.

The number of *primary* admissions the past year, has been one hundred and one. Of these who had previously been with us, twenty-five.

The whole number of <i>persons</i> who have been admitted,	807
There have been re-admitted, second time,	134
“ “ “ third “	26
“ “ “ fourth “	14
“ “ “ fifth “	6
“ “ “ sixth “	3
“ “ “ seventh “	2
“ “ “ eighth “	2
Whole number of <i>cases</i> admitted,	994

Eight males and seven females have died during the year, *apparently* from the following causes, viz : Palsy, (general) three ; palsy, (partial) one ; marasmus, or gradual wasting of the physical system, four ; exhaustion from violence of disordered physical and mental action, two ; old age, pulmonary consumption, and inflammation of the brain, one each.

These *apparent* causes have been assigned in conformity with common usage, not because they are more satisfactory to me, than they are likely to be to the most intelligent portion of my professional friends. Nor do I conceive it would be nearer the truth to say several of them died from *insanity*. In that case, a *symptom* would be substituted for a *cause*, though I am not

ignorant that some of the terms used above are obnoxious to the same objection.

It cannot be reasonably questioned, that mental trouble may so far influence physical disorder, as to give the balance a fatal preponderance. Still the opinion generally prevails, that mental aberration depends on disorder of physical organs, and that no prolonged derangement of the mind ever takes place, without serious trouble in them. Nor does death take place in insane persons (except by violence) until the physical powers are prostrated ; hence we are accustomed to speak of disease of particular physical organs, or of the whole physical system, as the cause of dissolution.

The present, is not an occasion on which to discuss the question, whether the mind may be the subject of disease, or whether insanity always depends on functional or structural trouble in the physical organ or organs, on which the instincts, propensities, affections and intellects depend for their manifestations.

It would be a very convenient and summary method, to report that our patients die of "unsound mind," but it sometimes happens that our people are cut off by disease in organs which have evidently had transferred to them the trouble which had affected the organs of the mind, in consequence of which the latter are so far restored as to enable the mind to carry on its natural operations weeks before dissolution.

If perfectly instructed, we should always use precise language and call things by their right names.

In my last report I alluded to the circumstance that non-residents and foreigners were better provided for by law, than our own citizens.

I wish again to call your attention to the fact, that in a few years, under our present law, these classes will form a majority of our inmates.

They are never removed, but by death, or when recovered ; consequently the number of incurables is constantly increasing.

The inquiry may be an important one, whether non-residents and foreigners, found insane in our cities and towns, should not come under the same provision for support, as when they become chargeable from any other cause.

Or, what might be better still, perhaps, whether our own poor should not be placed on a footing as favorable, as that enjoyed by the non-resident and the foreigner.

All such provisions are liable to be abused, but if the legislature should authorize the admission of indigent, insane persons, within sixty days of the attack, at one dollar per week, for such time as the trustees and superintendent shall think proper, or until recovered, an amount of benefit would be realized from this institution hitherto unapproached.

Such a provision would fill the house with recent cases, in the best condition to be benefited by a residence in it. When filled, a preference could be given to applications from counties having fewer than their just proportion of inmates. Or quiet, incurable cases might be discharged to make room for such recent cases. In this way, it is believed, many of this unfortunate class would be restored to themselves and families, and made useful members of society, who would otherwise become useless and public burdens for life.

This arrangement could go into immediate effect as to male patients, but females cannot be much increased in number until our accommodations are enlarged.

So far as success in the recovery of our patients, the year past, is concerned, there is nothing peculiar. It is true, the percentage of recoveries on discharges is rather above the usual standard, but this only shows that not so many removals and deaths have taken place. Whether more or less of our patients recover than in other institutions, exactly similar in all respects, if there be such, I am unable to say. Some boast of more cures than have ever been realized here, whilst others, equally meritorious, so far as I know, have been so modest as to report even less than we have done. We are certain that many of our in-

stitutions possess appliances which are not, and probably never will be furnished to this, and it is not unreasonable, other things being equal, to look to them for greater success.

The following tables will show something of our operations from the first.

[No. 3.] *Table of monthly admissions since the Hospital was opened.*

Year.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total.
1840, . . .										8	13	9	30
1841, . . .	7	11	15	14	9	14	5	5	5	11	3	6	105
1842, . . .	6	4	3	12	15	12	8	4	7	8	4	4	87
1843, . . .	2	7	8	4	7	15	5	10	8	7	9	7	89
1844, . . .	6	7	5	6	9	7	3	6	11	8	8	9	85
1845, . . .	4	2	7	5	13	16	7	11	11	11	3	7	97
1846, . . .	7	3	11	10	8	8	11	9	14	4	10	7	102
1847, . . .	8	6	6	5	14	15	13	11	11	20	8	7	124
1848, . . .	6	11	9	11	9	9	13	15	14	8	16	4	125
1849, . . .	11	7	6	12	9	16	12	12	13	10	11	11	130
1850, . . .	6	4	10										20
	63	62	80	79	93	112	77	83	94	95	85	71	994

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number of cases admitted, . . .	537	457	994
CIVIL CONDITION.—Married, . . .	253	258	
Single, . . .	262	149	
Widowers, . . .	22		
Widows, . . .		50	
Per cent. of Males, married, . . .	47.1		
Females, " . . .	56.45		
Per cent. of Males, single, . . .	48.7		
Females, " . . .	32.6		
Per cent. of Widowers, . . .	4.		
Widows, . . .	10.9		

[No. 4.] *Age of 994 patients when admitted.*

Sex.	10 to 20 yrs.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	Over 70.	Total.
Males,	52	143	148	92	63	28	11	537
Females,	34	101	110	117	68	22	5	457
								994

[No. 5.] *Age at first attack of 807 persons concerned in the 994 cases, as near as known.*

Sex.	Under 10ys	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	Over 70.	Total.
Males,	3	83	150	109	56	20	14	6	441
Females,	2	69	133	78	56	23	5		366
									807
	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per ct.	Per ct.	Per ct.	Per ct.	Per ct.	
Males,	0.68	18.8	34.0	24.7	12.6	4.5	3.1	1.3	
Females,	0.54	10.6	36.3	21.3	15.3	6.2	1.3		

[No. 6.] *Discharges and deaths since December 17th, 1840.*

Years.	Jan.		Feb.		Mar.		April.		May.		June.		July.		Aug.		Sept.		Oct.		Nov.		Dec.		Total.		
	Discharges.	Deaths.	Discharges.	Deaths.	Discharges.	Deaths.	Discharges.	Deaths.	Discharges.	Deaths.	Discharges.	Deaths.	Discharges.	Deaths.	Discharges.	Deaths.	Discharges.	Deaths.	Discharges.	Deaths.	Discharges.	Deaths.	Discharges.	Deaths.	Discharges.	Deaths.	
1840,																											
1841,	1	1	2	5	8	3	1	8	6	7	9	17	3	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	73	6	
1842,	5	4	7	7	8	4	1	9	7	5	1	7	2	5	1	7	2	3	1	4	1	1	1	70	6		
1843,	6	7	7	10	10	1	5	5	4	4	2	3	1	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	79	4	
1844,	8	3	3	10	6	1	7	9	1	9	1	4	4	8	2	7	1	4	7	1	4	7	2	8	72	3	
1845,	5	1	6	1	6	4	1	9	15	3	3	1	11	1	8	6	2	6	6	13	13	9	2	92	7		
1846,	3	1	1	4	4	5	5	11	1	7	9	8	9	8	9	1	9	1	9	1	5	1	5	1	74	6	
1847,	6	4	4	6	5	8	8	1	12	8	1	12	15	5	2	9	7	2	8	7	2	8	8	9	93	9	
1848,	6	1	5	3	7	12	1	7	9	9	9	1	10	3	8	8	15	2	9	1	8	105	20	105	20		
1849,	7	7	1	4	1	9	12	9	2	6	12	6	12	6	8	3	8	2	6	7	7	7	7	95	14		
1850,	6	1	4	7	2																				17	3	
	53	9	42	6	61	3	56	3	69	2	78	6	61	2	82	11	79	15	76	12	57	7	56	2	772	78	

[No. 7.] *Showing the months and seasons in which recoveries are recorded.*

Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
32	30	27	39	33	28	36	23	46	38	36	35
Winter, 89.			Spring, 100.			Summer, 105.			Autumn, 109.		
Total recovered—403.											

[No. 8.] *Operations of the Institution since 14th October, 1840.*

Time embraced in each Report.	Admitted.			Discharged.			Died.			Total discharged and died.	Recovered	Average number of patients.	Per cent. of cures in the discharges and deaths.	Per cent of deaths on the average number.	
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.						
1840—															
Oct. 14 to Dec. 31, 1841—	22	8	30	1	1	2				2	1				
Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1842—	61	44	105	42	31	73	4	2	6	79	33	55.3	41.77	10.84	
Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1843—	49	38	87	34	36	70	4	2	6	76	36	62.2	47.26	9.64	
Jan. 1 to Nov. 30; 11 mo. 1843—	51	31	82	50	25	75	3	1	4	79	31	65.	39.20	6.10	
Dec. 1 to Nov. 30, 1844, 1844—	43	40	83	36	36	72	2	1	3	75	32	70.	42.66	4.30	
Dec. 1 to Nov. 30, 1845, 1845—	50	49	99	40	43	83	5	2	7	90	38	80.2	42.22	8.72	
Dec. 1 to Nov. 30, 1846, 1846—	45	57	102	38	44	82	3	2	5	87	46	93.5	52.87	5.31	
Dec. 1 to Mar. 31, 1848; 16 months, 1848—	93	64	157	64	52	116	9	5	14	130	68	112.	52.30	10.70	
Apr. 1 to Mar. 31, 1849, 1849—	60	63	123	53	52	105	8	10	18	123	60	126.	48.77	14.28	
Apr. 1 to Mar. 31, 1850, 1850—	63	63	126	48	46	94	8	7	15	109	58	137.	53.21	10.94	
	537	457	994	406	366	772	46	32	78	850	403		47.41		
	Remain, 31st March, 1850,										144				
	Per cent of recoveries on										994	admissions, 40.54			
	Per cent. of deaths on											admissions, 7.84			
	Per cent. of deaths on											discharges, 9.17			

[No. 9.] *Showing the number of admissions from the Counties, distance, population and proportion.*

Counties.	Admitted past yr.		In former years.	Total.	Distance of shire town	Population.	Proportion.	Whole number divided according to population would give each Co., Ratio 1 to 510
	Male.	Female.						
York,	4	4	53	61	70 miles	54,023	1 in 885	105
Cumberland,	7	13	126	146	56 "	68,660	" " 470	134
Oxford,	2	3	50	55	47 "	38,389	" " 700	75
Lincoln,	4	5	130	139	25 "	63,512	" " 456	124
Kennebec,	14	17	184	215		55,804	" " 259	109
Franklin,	4	2	24	28	30 "	20,800	" " 742	40
Somerset,	4	5	45	54	30 "	33,912	" " 628	66
Piscataquis,	1	1	14	16	70 "	13,138	" " 821	25
Penobscot,	10	4	72	86	68 "	45,705	" " 519	89
Waldo,	10	6	89	105	40 "	41,535	" " 395	81
Hancock,	2	2	39	43	75 "	28,646	" " 666	56
Washington,	1	2	28	31	132 "	23,309	" " 913	55
Aroostook,		1	4	5	183 "	9,413	" 1882	13
	63	63	858	984				

There have been ten persons admitted from other States and British Provinces.

The above table shows the effect of distance on admissions, and possibly the state of public confidence in the institution, by those who have had the best opportunity to test its merits.

As it is impossible that all can avail themselves of the advantages of the Hospital with equal facility and expense, would there not be a propriety in authorizing the deduction of a certain mileage, by an act of legislature, from the bills of all patients who remain in the institution the time required by law?

An expense is incurred in bringing patients from distant counties, in many cases, which would pay their expenses when here, three or four months.

The people of Kennebec have availed themselves of the privileges of the institution nearly double what would have been their proportion of a numerical division. Cumberland, Lincoln and Waldo have exceeded their proportion also; all others have come short of it. Had all the counties sent the proportion

which Kennebec has, our inmates, instead of numbering 984 from the state, would have exceeded 1900.

At the last session of the legislature, an appropriation was made for changing the warming apparatus of the old south wing, from *furnace* to *steam* heating. The estimated cost was six hundred and fifty dollars. The change has been made at an expense within the appropriation, in the following manner, viz: The cylindrical boiler, formerly used in the wash-room, ten feet long and thirty inches diameter, was set in an arch at the south end of the basement corridor; an air chamber, constructed of wood, four feet wide and seven feet high, runs from the end of the arch nearly the whole length of the corridor. In this chamber, near the ground, secured in a brick trough, is the cast-iron smoke or gas pipe, ten inches diameter and forty feet long, to meet the old furnace flue; the joints luted with equal parts of salt and wood ashes. This is never so hot as to affect the air unfavorably. Above this, are rows of cast-iron steam pipes, six inches in diameter, the whole length of the air chamber. These are connected with the top of the boiler by a wrought iron gas pipe into each row, so that steam passes freely into all the pipes at once. The upper pipes *descend from* the boiler, and the lower ones *towards* it; and a small pipe enters the lower part of the boiler to return the condensed water and to supply any waste, for which cold water is admitted by a faucet at the end of the pipe farthest from the boiler. Near the same point is a small escape pipe to permit the air or steam from the large pipe to pass outside the air-chamber; but so perfectly balanced are the generating power of the boiler and the radiation of heat from the pipes, I have rarely known so much steam to pass through the escape pipe, that I could not hold my hand over it. The waste of water is from two to five gallons per day. In this apparatus the steam passes off from the boiler without any obstruction, consequently can never be dangerous, unless the water should be permitted to get so low as to generate explosive gas on the highly heated metal. Cold air is admitted

at the basement windows and enters the outer boarding near the ceiling, passes down between that and the lining, and under the heating pipes on each side. The passages for hot air, right and left, are the spaces between the sleepers. From these conductors it is carried to the galleries above in wooden flues, eighteen by four inches, equal to the number of inmates, or sleeping rooms. These, in all cases, discharge into the corridors or galleries, under the same number of plank seats, nine inches in width. In the third or upper story, nothing appears but these seats. The admission of air at a moderate temperature is abundant, and the seats are often occupied on account of the agreeable warmth they afford. The lower floor, where our most inactive patients reside, is always warm, being the covering of the air-chamber and flues. The space warmed is 85,000 cubic feet.

I have been thus particular, because we have another wing which should be changed as soon as we have any place for the inmates whilst the work is in progress ; and also because I know many institutions like ours suffering the inconvenience of hot-air-furnaces. In putting up the boards in front of our flues in the corridors, they were tongued together and one of them fastened with wood-screws, and wide enough to be set together when seasoned to the utmost.

In the same resolve, was an appropriation for purchasing trees to ornament our grounds, draining the grounds above the site of the buildings, and fencing airing courts.

The trees were mostly purchased and set out last spring, our front grounds graded according to a plan approved by the trustees, with walks, not yet graveled. The drain has been made, and some preparation for erecting the fences the coming season.

The success attending operations on the aquaduct from the "Toby spring" last season, appears likely to prove satisfactory. It is now disconnected from all other sources of supply, and has afforded, by a constant discharge into a cistern in the attic of the new wing, not only a supply for that wing, but, by connecting

pipes, every cistern in the building is filled, so that we rarely have less than ten thousand gallons in our ten cisterns.

Two questions are solved, viz : that the spring affords an abundant supply for a larger establishment than we now have, and at a proper elevation.

One question remains to be decided, that is, whether the heat of summer is to prevent the flow, by its action on the air in the elevated portions of the pipe. Should this evil be encountered, or should the calibre of the present pipe prove insufficient for ample supply when more is needed, a remedy will be found at once, by laying down larger pipe.

Last year the officers of the institution advised the erection of an additional wing for the accommodation of female patients. The governor approved the action in his annual message, but it did not meet the concurrence of the legislature. The statements then made have become more urgent by a year's delay. The necessity then spoken of is even now being realized. Several times within the year, we have had sixty female inmates and only fifty-two rooms in the female wing. The surplus have no proper accommodation, unless they are proper subjects for the detached building called "the cottage." This is an edifice prepared for the most noisy and violent class, which requires the constant presence of two persons for the care of it. This building and class are entirely improper for those who are quiet and cleanly. The longer we have to use this building, the more will we regret it, as it is much less comfortable than would be afforded by a new wing.

A majority of the clergymen of Augusta and Hallowell have died or changed their locality within the year. The first half the year we had preaching on fourteen Sabbaths, and three times since. The uncertainty of supply, and the occurrence of repeated disappointments, have induced us to suspend our solicitations for the present, and to read a discourse, instead of hearing one from a clergyman. Should the legislature decide that it was not required of them to provide us with a lecturer on

Sabbath evenings, a practice every where approved, we may be induced to renew our invitations for a gratuitous supply, which has been accorded by most of the clergy in our neighborhood for nine years, in the most obliging manner.

Visitors wishing to examine our buildings and grounds, will always receive such attentions as are consistent with our duties to our immediate charge; but an introduction to the halls occupied by our inmates, must form an exception to a general rule, if accorded. Strangers should procure an introduction or exhibit their cards, if they expect particular attention.

The library has received valuable additions from the liberality of D. C. Stanwood, E. Fenno, Esquires, and the interest on the McLellan fund.

Our thanks are due to J. D. Pierce and Elias Bond, Esquires, for newspapers and pamphlets; to the publishers of the Olive Branch, Cultivator, and Monthly Religious Magazine, Boston; Maine Democrat, Christian Mirror, Argus, Hallowell Gazette, Cold Water Fountain, Maine Farmer, Gospel Banner, Journal, Age, Bangor Courier, Jeffersonian, State Signal, and Eastport Sentinel, of our own state, for forwarding constantly their valuable papers.

No change has taken place in the resident officers, by new appointments, for five years; enjoying among themselves as good a degree of harmony as exists, probably, in any institution; and I take pleasure in publicly expressing my thanks to my associates for the kind and efficient manner in which they have responded to my wishes by the ready performance of every duty.

We enter on the duties of another year, full of hope, that, by an humble reliance on Divine Providence, our efforts will be productive of undiminished success.

JAMES BATES, *Superintendent.*

Maine Insane Hospital, }
31st March, 1849. }

APPENDIX.

EXTRACT FROM THE REGULATIONS OF THE HOSPITAL.

Male patients admitted to the institution must come provided with at least two strong cotton shirts—coat, vest and pantaloons, of strong woolen cloth—two pairs of woolen socks or stockings—one black stock—a hat or cap—and one pair of shoes or boots.

Females must have at least the same quantity of underclothes, including shoes and stockings—a decent bonnet—and two substantial dresses. In both cases the articles must be new and in good condition. The woolens must be of a dark color.

The price of boarding, washing, medicines, and attendance, shall vary according to trouble and expense incurred, in the judgment of the superintendent, not to exceed two dollars and fifty cents for males, and two dollars and twenty-five cents for females, per week. [In cases of palsy, epilepsy, and patients requiring surgical aid, or who are filthy or helpless, the superintendent may make an additional charge.]

No person over twenty-one years of age can be received without the certificates required by the act of 2d of August, 1847.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE AND ORDER FOR ADMISSION.

To the Superintendent of the Maine Insane Hospital :

On complaint of ——— of ——— that ——— of ——— is insane, and is a proper subject for the Insane Hospital, we have made due inquiry into the facts, as required by law, and are of opinion that said ——— is insane, and that the comfort and safety of said ——— and others would be promoted by a residence therein. We therefore certify that said ——— is insane, and you are hereby ordered to receive and detain ——— in your care until ——— shall become of sound mind, or be otherwise discharged by order of law. We also find that ——— was residing, commorant or found in the town of ——— at the time of the arrest or examination.

Dated at ———, the ——— day of ———, A. D. 185—.

—————, } *Selectmen of the town*
—————, } *of ———. [Justices, &c.,*
—————, } *as the case may be.]*

FORM OF BOND FOR SUPPORT.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we — —, of — —, in the county of — —, as principal, and — —, of — —, in the county of — —, as surety, are held and bound unto — —, Steward of the Insane Hospital, at Augusta, or to his successor in said office, in the sum of two hundred dollars, to the payment of which sum, well and truly to be made to him the said — —, or to his successors in said office, we bind ourselves, our executors and administrators, firmly by these presents.

Sealed with our seals, and dated at — —, this — — day of — —, A. D. 185—.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas — —, of — —, in the county of — —, is about to be admitted as a boarder and patient to the institution aforesaid :

Now if the said — — shall pay to said — —, or to his successor in office, such sum per week for board, washing, medicine and attendance, according to the trouble and expense incurred for said patient, in the judgment of the Superintendent for the time being, and pay for such necessary articles of clothing as shall be furnished to the said — — by the said — —, or his successor, and remove the said — — from the institution whenever they shall be thereto requested in writing by the Superintendent for the time being—and shall also pay a further sum, not exceeding fifty dollars, for all damages that may arise from injury to the furniture and other property of said institution by said — —, and for reasonable charges that may be incurred in case of the elopement of said — —. Payments to be made semi-annually, and at the time of removal, with interest on the amount after it becomes due as aforesaid : then this obligation to be null and void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Witness,

[L. s.]

[L. s.]

QUESTIONS

To be answered in writing by the patient's family or physician.

1. Age?
2. Married or single?
3. Occupation?
4. How old at first attack?
5. Date of present attack? What appearances?
6. What changes since?
7. On what subjects?
8. Any rational intervals?
9. Any relatives ever insane, and who were they?
10. Ever attempted suicide or homicide? and in what manner?
11. Destructive to clothes or property?
12. Disposed to filthiness of person, or habits?
13. Any restraint or confinement been applied? If so, what?
14. If former attacks, how many, and how long?
15. What natural peculiarities? power of self control? temper? disposition? predominant passions? disappointments as to property, affections, wounded pride, loss of friends, family troubles; intemperance in use of ardent spirits, tobacco, &c.
16. History of any bodily disease, especially suppressions of evacuations, eruptions, sores, &c. Injuries, Epilepsy, Palsy, &c.
17. What are supposed to have caused the attack?
18. What curative means have been tried? state particularly if blood-letting has been resorted to; if so, to what extent?