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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,
19, NEW STREET, SPRING GARDENS,
18th April, 1849.

SIR,

In obedience to an Order of the House of Commons, dated the 21st ult., a Copy of which accompanies this Letter, and in order to enable the Commissioners in Lunacy correctly to make the Return required, I am directed to request that you will, *at your earliest convenience*, fill up and transmit to this Office the inclosed Form, with reference to which it is only necessary to draw your attention to two points:—

First. As respects the Table of Admissions, you will observe that every readmission of the same Patient with a fresh Order and Certificate is to be considered and counted as a separate case. The Totals, therefore, at the bottom of the several Columns, will represent the total numbers of *cases of Admission, whether of the same or different individuals.*

Secondly. The Discharges in the second Table are intended to include all *cases of Discharge* from the Books of the Institution, whether of the same, or different individuals,—Escapes, (only where the Patients have not been recaptured within the period limited by the Act, and returned to the Asylum without fresh Orders and Certificates), being considered and counted as cases of Discharge “not cured.”

In addition to the particulars required for the purpose of preparing the Parliamentary Return above mentioned, the Commissioners in Lunacy will feel obliged by your furnishing, in the Form requested, the actual numbers of Patients, of each Sex, (Private and Pauper, respectively) on the 1st of January of each year; also the average aggregate numbers resident during each of the years comprised in the Return.

To those not conversant with the calculation of averages it may be well to explain, that, in order to obtain such averages, the daily or weekly absolute numbers of Patients resident, should be added up for each year, and the Total divided by the number of days, or weeks, as the case may be. The quotient will give the average required, and the shorter the intervals made use of in the calculation the more accurate will be the results.

Your existing records will of course enable you, without difficulty, to supply the information now called for.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

R M Lutwidge
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