

Notice: Reopening for the Season
Kalamazoo Sept. 4th 1861

Dr. Geo. D. Andrews

Dear Sir, -
Your letter of the 11th and
18th Aug. was duly received. The absence of the nurse
Sept. - my own illness - and, under sickness in our
household, are among the reasons offered for not re-
plying sooner. I regret the delay that has necessitated
a second letter.

In this Institution we have had little experience
with insane soldiers. Fifteen only have been admit-
ted here for treatment. Although quite a number of ap-
plications have been refused owing to the crowded state
of our wards. How many I am unable to inform you,
as no minute has been made of them. Of these fifteen
eight (8) were admitted for manic, six (6) for depression
and one for melancholia. The histories of a few we
were unable to obtain. Most of them had been here
before the limits of our capacity in the capacity of sol-
diers and some have even suffered in Southern "penitentiaries".

Five have already been discharged cured: four
will probably be restored, of those remaining: and
the treatment successful, I think.

The insanity of three (3) depended upon typhoid
fever - one became insane from an injury received
on the head in a drunken brawl. The other two were made
so from abusive treatment of their officers - one
from hard riding, & a dragoon. One from the anx-
ieties & fatigue of his office. And with the remain-
ing two, the cause was not ascertained. In four,
there was an inherited capacity for mental disease.

We have treated one man whose aberration was
the result of extreme anxiety for the welfare of his three
boys who were in the battle of Bull Run, & from whom
he could get no tidings. With him there was faint, &
he had been under treatment before in this asylum.
He recovered.

The insanity of a young lady, now under care, &
who will surely be better, is said to have been occasioned
by the death of her lover on the field of battle.

I suspect that I have overlooked one old
gentleman who became deranged while visiting
the army at Falmouth, & who, in his confused con-
dition of mind, while endeavoring to smoke his pipe

human was robbed of nearly every thing he owned.
He too has recovered & is with his friends.

Several patients have been received whose illness. It was told us, had been partially induced by anxiety for their friends in the army. This I presume may be true. I sincerely, not ungenerally depends upon moral causes. No one of which would have sufficed to occasion it.

The experience of this institution I fear has been too limited to be of much advantage to you in determining what you desire to know. Yet I have given you in a hasty & imperfect way, the substance of our records. I have written too, while being frequently interrupted, & have therefore not given that thought to the matter that I would have been glad to have done. But perhaps I have stated all you desire. If not, please do not hesitate to inform me, & I will endeavor to do so more perfectly than I have done this time.

With great respect, I am,

Yours most obediently,

D. M. Tyler.

A copy of our Report will be mailed herewith.
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