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The General Infirmary

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C H E S T E R.

THOMAS CRANE, SECRETARY.



C H E S T E R:
Printed by ELIZABETH ADAMS, 1763.



O R D E R E D,

THAT a second Edition of the STATUTES be printed, with the several Corrections and Additions as delivered in by the Committee, and agreed to by the Board; and that 1000 Copies of the said Edition be published for the Use of the INFIRMARY.



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THE
STATUTES

OF THE

General Infirmary at *Chester*.

I.



THAT the Government of ^{Style of} this Society be placed in the ^{the Soci-} Hands of certain Governors, ^{ety.} by the Name of *The Govern-ors of the GENERAL IN-*

FIRMARY at CHESTER.

II. THAT all Benefactors of *Twenty* Trustees, *Guineas* or upwards at one Time, be Governors during Life.

III. THAT all Subscribers of *Two* Govern-*Guineas* per Annum, or upwards, be Go-^{nors.} vernors during Payment.

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IV. THAT

IV. THAT the Physicians and Surgeons attending the INFIRMARY be Governors and have Votes at all Boards.

V. THAT the Head or other Officer, for the Time being, of any Township, Body-Corporate, or Society subscribing *Two Guineas* per Annum, be a Governor during Payment.

VI. THAT twenty-four Subscribers of *One Guinea* per Annum be chosen Governors for the Year ensuing, by Rotation, as they stand in the Alphabetical List.

VII. THAT all Elections be by Ballot, and all Questions decided by a Majority of Votes present, which shall be taken by Ballot, if required.

VIII. THAT the Person charged with a Benefaction from an unknown Hand, of *Twenty Guineas* or upwards at one Time to the INFIRMARY, be a Governor for Life from the Time of Payment.

General
Board.

IX. THAT a General Meeting of the Governors be held at three stated Times in
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in the Year, *viz.* on the second Day of *Chester May Races*, the second Day of *Chester Summer Affizes*, and the last *Tuesday* in *January*, at Ten o'Clock in the Morning, and oftner upon special Occasions.

X. THAT the Power of making and repealing Laws, of electing and removing Officers, be vested in the General Board, consisting of nine Governors at least. *viz. 25. Surgeons are no officers*

XI. THAT there be elected annually at the General Board in *May* out of the Governors, a President for the ensuing Year. *Elections. President.*

XII. THAT at the General Board in *May*, two Treasurers be annually chosen out of the Governors, who shall immediately enter upon their Office. *Two Treasurers*

XIII. THAT at the General Board in *May* an Under Treasurer be chosen out of the Governors, who shall immediately enter upon his Office, and shall duly account for all such Money as he shall receive for the Use of the INFIRMARY. *An Under Treasurer*

XIV.

Auditors. XIV. THAT at the General Board in *May* two Contributors be annually chosen to inspect and audit the Accounts of the INFIRMARY, and to report the State of the Accounts from Time to Time to the General Board; and that they enter upon their Office at *Midsummer* next.

XV. THAT the President at all Boards and Meetings take the Chair, or in his Absence the Treasurers alternately; and in their Absence that the Members present appoint their own Chairman, who upon an Equality of Voices shall have a casting one.

Weekly Board.

XVI. THAT there be a Weekly Board of Governors, which shall consist of five at least, to meet every *Tuesday* at Eleven o'Clock at the INFIRMARY.

XVII. THAT the Weekly Board regulate all Matters relating to the Admission and Discharge of Patients, enquire into the Behaviour of Officers and Servants, examine and pass Accounts, order Payments, prepare Matters for the General Board, and transact such other Affairs as shall be committed to them by the General Board.

XVIII.

XVIII. THAT the Weekly Board, ^{Special} ^{General} ^{Board.} nine Members being present, have Power to summon a General Board upon any special Occasion, giving ten Days Notice thereof in the *Chester Courant*, and specifying therein the Business to be transacted; and also affixing such Notice upon the Gate of the INFIRMARY, and the EXCHANGE in *Chester*.

XIX. THAT at every General Board the Proceedings of the last General Board, and at every Weekly Board the Proceedings of the last Weekly Board, shall be read over; and that the Orders of either Board shall continue in Force, until altered by a subsequent Board.

XX. THAT the Proceedings of every Board be fairly registered and signed by the Chairman.

XXI. THAT the Weekly Board of ^{House Visi} ^{tors.} Governors shall elect two Contributors, who shall be desired to visit the House daily for the ensuing Week, each of which in Case of Sicknes, or necessary Avocation, may appoint another Contributor to be his Deputy; and that any Governor may personally inspect the State
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of the INFIRMARY, and the Patients at any seasonable Time; and if any Matter shall occur to him or them worthy of Notice, they are desired to report the same to the next Weekly or General Board.

XXII. THAT the Accounts of the INFIRMARY be examined at every Weekly Board; and that all Bills be discharged by the Treasurers themselves, or the Secretary by their Order; and that this be done once a Month or oftner, after such Bills have been allowed by the Weekly Board, and signed by the Chairman and two of the Board at least.

XXIII. THAT the Weekly Board, nine Members being present, have Power to suspend the Apothecary, Secretary or Matron, for Misbehaviour, and to appoint others during the Suspension; and to remove Nurses and Servants, and choose others in their Room.

XXIV. THAT such Physicians and Surgeons as shall be agreed upon at a General Board be nominated to attend the INFIRMARY.

Physicians
and Sur-
geons.

XXV. THAT

*And cannot suspend
Surgeons or Governours*

XXV. THAT a Matron, Apothecary and Secretary, be from Time to Time appointed as Officers; and that a Porter, Nurses, &c. be appointed as Servants to attend the INFIRMARY. ^{Officers and Servants.}

XXVI. THAT when a Vacancy shall happen in the Office of Matron, Apothecary or Secretary, the Weekly Board shall summon a General Board to fill up the Vacancy, unless the stated General Board shall happen in Course at a convenient Distance; and then Ten Days Notice shall be given of such Election in the Manner prescribed for the special General Boards. ^{Vacancies filled up by a General Board.}

XXVII. THAT such Apothecaries as are Subscribers be desired, by Monthly Rotation to visit the Dispensary whenever they please in an Afternoon, and to observe that the House Apothecary performs his Duty; that they be at Liberty every *Monday* to take an Account of the Drugs and Medicines expended in the House; and that they insert their Observations in a Book to be provided for that Purpose. ^{Visiting Apothecaries}

XXVIII. THAT the Clergy of *Chester* ^{Visiting Clergymen}
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be desired to visit the sick, to read Prayers every Day, to administer the Sacrament at proper Times; and that it be recommended to the Weekly Board, that Patients of all Persuasions be attended in the Manner they desire.

Annual
Sermon

XXIX. THAT an annual Sermon be preached before the Society, by one whom the President, or the Treasurers commissioned by him, shall provide for that Purpose, at the *Cathedral Church in Chester*, on the second Day of *May* Races.

Auditors
Reports &
Accounts

XXX. THAT a Report of the State of the INFIRMARY, and of the Number of Patients received and discharged within the Year, with an Abstract of the Proceedings of the Governors, and of the Accounts of the INFIRMARY, be drawn up by the Auditors, and published before the General Meeting in *May*, for the Satisfaction of the Contributors.

Annual
Subscrip-
tions

XXXI. THAT all annual Subscriptions be paid in Advance, and be deemed to commence and become due on the Twenty-fifth of *March* preceding the Time of subscribing, unless the Subscribers desire otherwise.

XXXII.

XXXII. THAT to all Persons whose Subscriptions shall be three Months in Arrear, a monitory Letter shall be sent by the Secretary, to prevent further Delay of Payment. All annual Subscriptions are to be taken to continue, unless the Subscriber orders the contrary by Letter before the same become payable.

XXXIII. That no Treasurer, Auditor, Physician or Surgeon, shall receive any Reward, Salary, or Gratuity from the INFIRMARY for his Service.

XXXIV. That no Patients, Servants, or Persons related to the INFIRMARY, do at any Time presume, on Pain of Expulsion, to give or take of any Person whatsoever, any Fee, Reward, or Gratuity of any kind, directly or indirectly, for any Service done or to be done on Account of the INFIRMARY.

XXXV. THAT a Table of the Rules and Orders which relate to the Conduct of Patients and Servants, be hung up in each Ward, and publickly read over every Sunday Morning, by one to be appointed by the Matron.

Invento-
ry.

XXXVI. THAT an Inventory be kept by the Secretary, and a Copy thereof by the Matron, of all the Household Goods and Furniture of the INFIRMARY; and that once a Year at some convenient Time before the General Board in *May*, the Auditors do cause a fresh Inventory to be made and compared with that of the preceding Year, as well as with the Account of what has been purchased since; and that as often as any Thing shall be missing, the Matron immediately declare it to the Visitors of the Week.

Method
of buying
Goods and
Provisions

XXXVII. THAT the Method of dealing with Tradesmen (unless when the Circumstance of the Case require otherwise) be to publish an Account of the Provision and Goods wanted; and a Notice for such Tradesmen as are willing to furnish the same, to bring a Proposal sealed up to the Secretary at a Day fixed.

Diet.
No Li-
quors.

XXXVIII. THAT the Appointment of the particular Diet of the Patients be referred to their respective Physicians or Surgeons; and that no other Provisions or Liquors be brought into the House to the Patients on any Pretence whatsoever.

XXXIX.

XXXIX. THAT Poor-Boxes be set up in the INFIRMARY, and in the *Cathedral* Church, and in all other Churches in the City, to each of which there shall be two Locks; of which one Key shall be kept by the Treasurer, and the other as the Weekly Board shall appoint; and that Boxes be set up in as many Churches, Meeting-Houses, and other Places, as the Weekly Board shall direct; and the Money therein collected shall be applied to the Use of the INFIRMARY.

Charity
Boxes.

XL. THAT any poor Person recommended by a Subscriber of Two Guineas annual and upwards, may use the Hot, Cold Bath, or Bagnio *gratis*, when they are not wanted for the Patients; but all other Persons are to pay each Time for the Cold Bath, Sixpence; for the Hot Bath, Two Shillings and Sixpence; and, for the Bagnio, Two Shillings and Sixpence; which Sums the Apothecary shall receive, and account for to the Treasurer.

Persons
may use
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Cold
Bath, or
Bagnio.

Ad-

Admission and Discharge of
P A T I E N T S.

The Time

XL I. THAT Patients be admitted and discharged every *Tuesday*, by the Weekly Board between the Hours of Eleven and Twelve; after which Time, no Recommendatory Letters will be received.

The Rules of Admission.

XL II. THAT no Patients be admitted who are able to subsist themselves, and pay for Medicines.

XL III. That no Person be admitted a Patient but by Recommendation of a Subscriber, Benefactor, Physician, or Surgeon, attending the INFIRMARY, unless in Cases which admit of no Delay; in which Cases the Apothecary and Matron may receive Patients, giving immediate Notice to the Physician or Surgeon of the Week.

XL IV. THAT a Subscriber of *One Guinea* yearly, shall have a Right to recommend

commend and have one Out-Patient at a Time; and a Subscriber of *Two Guineas* yearly one In-Patient or two Out-Patients at a Time, and for every larger Sum in the like Proportion; and that any Benefactor of *Ten Guineas* or upwards at one Time shall have an equal Right with an annual Subscriber of *One Guinea*, and that a Benefactor of *Twenty Guineas* shall have an equal Right with an annual Subscriber of *Two Guineas*; and for every larger Sum in the same Proportion.

XLV. THAT every, or any Person who shall give, devise or bequeath to the INFIRMARY One Hundred Pounds in Personalty or Lands, at any one Gift, Devise or Bequest; such Person, by Will or other Writing, to be made in his or her Life-time, in the Presence of two or more Witnesses, shall have Liberty to appoint an Assignee, who shall in like Manner have a Power to appoint an Assignee and so on successively for ever, to put in two In-Patients, and to nominate, without Limitation, Out-Patients, in and to the said INFIRMARY annually, and no more; which Patients shall have an equal Benefit with other like Patients of the said IN-

FIRMARY.

FIRMARY. And the same Liberty and Power shall extend to, and be allowed for every Hundred Pounds more to be given by any Person as aforesaid.

XLVI. THAT Benefactors of less than *Ten Guineas*, have the Privilege for the Year ensuing their Benefaction, of recommending one In-Patient (besides Out-Patients) for every *Two Guineas* given in Benefaction.

XLVII. THAT the Head-Officer of any Township, Body Corporate or Society subscribing *Two Guineas* per Annum to the **INFIRMARY**, have the same Power of recommending Patients with a Subscriber of equal Value.

XLVIII. THAT the Person charged with a Benefaction from an unknown Hand of *Twenty Guineas* or upwards at one Time to the **INFIRMARY**, shall have the same Privilege of recommending Patients, as if he himself had given such a Benefaction.

XLIX. THAT no Subscriber's Recommendation be accepted while his Subscription is in Arrear.

XLVI.

L. THAT a Letter signed by the Chairman of the Weekly Board, be sent to every Person recommending a Patient, acquainting him that the Person recommended is postponed or rejected, as the Case requires; and that the like Notice be given to the Person who recommended, when a Patient is discharged.

LI. THAT Persons who recommend Patients from distant Places, may send their Cases drawn up by some able Physician, Surgeon or Apothecary, *Post paid*; to which an Answer will be returned, whether and when they shall be admitted; but that the Board be still at Liberty to reject such Patients, if their Cases shall appear to have been misrepresented.

Cases of distant Patients to be sent.

LII. THAT when there shall be want of Room in the INFIRMARY for the Admission of all duly recommended and qualified to be In-Patients, in Cases of equal Exigency the Preference be given first to those who live at the greatest Distance; Secondly to those recommended by such Subscribers and Benefactors as have not recommended any In-Patients within the Year; And Thirdly, to those recommended by the largest Contributors;

Preference of Patients

tors ; And that they who are proper Objects, and shall be excluded at any Time for want of Room shall be entered in the House as In-Patients, and received into the House upon the first Vacancies, and in the mean Time treated as Out-Patients.

Cases of
Extremity

LIII. THAT one Bed in each Ward be reserved, as a Provision for Accidents that require immediate Relief.

Excepted
Cases.

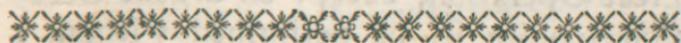
LIV. THAT no Woman big with Child, no Child under seven Years of Age (except in extraordinary Cases, such as Fractures, Stone, or where Couching, Trepanning, or Amputation are necessary) no Persons suspected to have the Small-Pox or other infectious Distemper, having habitual Ulcers, Cancers not admitting of Operation, Epilepsie, Consumptions or Dropsies in their last Stages, in a dying Condition, or judged Incurable, be admitted as In-Patients ; or if inadvertently admitted be suffered to continue.

Soldiers.

LV. THAT no Soldier be admitted an In-Patient until his Officer has engaged to pay his Subsistence-Money to the Treasurers during such Time as he shall continue there ; except Soldiers on Furlough where there is no Officer at hand to engage for them.

LVI. THAT all Persons admitted into the House, and in three Months receiving no Benefit, be discharged ; unless the Physicians or Surgeons certify to the Weekly Board, that there is a Probability of their being cured or receiving considerable Relief.

Incurables
to be dis-
charged.



Physicians and Surgeons.

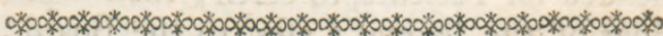
LVII. THAT the Physicians and Surgeons, one of each, attend in their Turns at the INFIRMARY every *Tuesday* at Eleven of the Clock, to examine those who shall be recommended for Patients, to certify their Opinions of the several Cases to the Board, and to receive under their Care such as shall be admitted.

LVIII. THAT the Physicians and Surgeons do meet at the INFIRMARY every *Friday*, at Eleven of the Clock, to visit their In-Patients, and to consult upon difficult Cases, to note down the Patients proper to be discharged on the *Tuesday* following, and to prescribe for their Out-Patients then on the Book.

LIX. THAT the Physicians and Surgeons visit their respective In-Patients at other Times, as they shall judge necessary, or shall have Notice of any sudden Emergency from the Apothecary or Matron.

LX. THAT no Amputation or other great Operation, except an urgent Occasion require it, be performed without a previous Consultation of the Physicians and Surgeons.

LXI. THAT each Physician and Surgeon, whose Business or Indisposition shall oblige him to be absent, engage some other Physician or Surgeon of the INFIRMARY to attend for him.



House Apothecary.

LXII. THAT the House Apothecary fix two Tickets on each Patient's Bed; one specifying the Name of the Patient together with that of the Physician, Surgeon, or both occasionally; and the other the Diet according to the Prescription of the Physicians or Surgeons, and give a List of the same to the Matron each prescribing Day.

LXIII. THAT

LXIII. THAT he visit the Wards every Morning, and be prepared to report the State of the Patients to the Physicians or Surgeons.

LXIV. THAT he dispense no Medicines without the Direction of the Physicians or Surgeons; except in Cases of Necessity when they cannot be consulted.

LXV. THAT he make a Report to the Weekly Board of all Patients received into the House in the foregoing Week; and deliver a List at every Board of such Patients as have been in the House two Months.

LXVI. THAT he do not presume to practice as an Apothecary out of the House, or attend any other Business than that of the INFIRMARY. *surgeon not bound by this*

LXVII. THAT he do not suffer any Apothecary or other Person to inspect the Physicians Books or Pharmacopoeia, without Leave of the Physicians.

LXVIII. THAT no Drugs or Medicines be bought without an Order from the Board or Committee for providing Drugs, except in Cases of Necessity; and then not without an Order by one of the Physicians or Surgeons.

LXIX. THAT no Drugs or Medicines be deposited among the Stores, till they have been first inspected by the Committee for buying Drugs.

LXX. That he never be absent from the INFIRMARY when the Physicians and Surgeons are to attend, nor at any other Time above two Hours together; and that he always give Notice to the Matron, and be within Call; that he be at Home at Ten o'Clock at farthest in the Evening, and do not lie out of the House without special Leave from the Board, or the House Visitors; that in such Case he appoint another Apothecary, who shall be approved by the Physicians, to officiate in his Place.



Secretary.

LXXI. THAT the Secretary attend at every Board to minute down and register all Proceedings; and that he be always ready to produce the Books and Accounts of the Society fairly written.

LXXII. THAT he enter in a Register the Names of the Patients who shall be taken in, and of the Out-Patients; the
Parish

Parish or Township they belong to; their Age and Distemper; when admitted; when discharged; and in what State.

LXXIII. THAT he give Notice in Writing every *Saturday* to the Clergyman whose Turn it is to visit, and to the House Visitors every *Tuesday*, who are appointed for the following Week; to the visiting Apothecary every Month before his Turn begins, and to the Governors chosen at the General Boards.

Matron.

LXXIV. THAT the Matron take Care of all the Household Goods and Furniture, and be ready to give an Account thereof when required.

LXXV. THAT she keep a daily Account of the Provisions, and other Necessaries that are brought into the House; and lay it before the Weekly Board every *Tuesday*.

LXXVI. THAT she visit the Wards and Offices every Day; that she take Care that the Chambers, Beds, Clothes, Linen, and all other Things within the INFIRMARY, be kept clean.

LXXVII. THAT she keep a Diet-Book, by which the Number of Patients on each Diet may be known.

LXXVIII. THAT she cause the Names of the Patients to be called over in each Ward every Morning and Evening; and enter in the House-Visitor's Book the Names of those who are absent.

LXXIX. THAT she take Care of the Keys of the Doors; and see that the Outer-Gates be always locked at Nine in the Evening from *Michaelmas* to *Lady-Day*; and at Ten in the Evening from *Lady-Day* to *Michaelmas*.

LXXX. THAT she see that the Nurses, Servants, and Patients do their Duty, and observe the Rules of the House; and in Cases of Misbehaviour or Neglect acquaint the Weekly Board or House Visitors therewith.

LXXXVI. THAT she visit the Wards
every Day, that she take
Care that the Chamber, Beds, Clothes,
Linen, and all other Things within the
INFIRMARY, be kept clean.

Servants.

Servants.

LXXXI. **T**HAT the Nurses clean their respective Wards by Seven in the Morning, from the First of *March* to the First of *October*; and by Eight in the Morning, from the First of *October* to the First of *March*.

LXXXII. **T**HAT the Nurses and Servants obey the Matron as their Mistress; that they behave with **T**enderness to the Patients, and with **C**ivility and **R**espect to Strangers.



Porter,

LXXXIII. **T**HAT the Porter carefully attend the Gate; and suffer no In-Patient to go out without Leave; and that he inform the Matron of every Stranger that comes into the **I**NFIRMARY.

LXXXIV. **T**HAT he obey the Orders of the Physicians, Surgeons, and Apothecary, and do the labouring Work of the House when ordered by the Matron; and that when he is to be absent upon any such Business he give the Matron Notice, that another may be appointed to attend the Gate.

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Patients.

Patients.

LXXXV. THAT no In-Patient go out of the INFIRMARY without Leave from their respective Physician or Surgeon first signified to the Matron; and that no In-Patient lie out of the House on any Account whatever, on Pain of being discharged for Irregularity.

LXXXVI. THAT no Men Patients go into the Womens Ward, no Women Patients into the Mens, without Leave of the Matron.

LXXXVII. THAT they do not swear, curse, behave rudely or indecently; on Pain of being discharged, after the first Admonition, for Irregularity.

LXXXVIII. THAT no Patient presume to play at Cards or Dice or any other Game, or to smoke any where within doors.

LXXXIX. THAT such Patients as are able to be employed in the Service of the INFIRMARY, assist in nursing the Patients, Washing and Ironing the Linen, Washing and Cleaning the Wards, and in any other Business that the Matron shall require.

Xc. THAT such In-Patients as are able be allowed to go to their respective Places of Worship on *Sundays* in the Forenoon and Afternoon; that they return to the INFIRMARY directly; and that no Persons be admitted to visit Patients on that Day till after Evening Service, without special Leave of the Matron.

Xci. THAT the Out-Patients be assisted with Advice and Medicines only; and be no other Way chargeable to the Society.

Xcii. THAT they attend exactly at Eleven o'Clock every *Friday*; and if they absent themselves twice together without a reasonable Cause, to be allowed by their respective Physician or Surgeon; that they be discharged for Irregularity.

Xciii. That no fresh Medicines be given them, till they deliver their Phials or Gallipots, and such Medicines as they have not taken.

Xciv. That no Patient presume to loiter about the INFIRMARY or Places adjacent, or to beg any where in the City, on Pain of being discharged for Irregularity.

XCV. THAT no Person discharged for Irregularity be admitted again a Patient of the INFIRMARY on any Recommendation whatsoever, unless in some very extraordinary Cases to be unanimously approved by the Board.



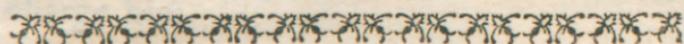
House Visitors.

XCVI. THAT the House Visitors enquire every Day whether the foregoing Rules concerning Officers, Servants and Patients, have been observed; particularly whether the Patients be duly attended; whether Prayers have been duly read; whether the Patients or Servants have been guilty of Swearing, Drunkenness, any Immorality or Indecency; whether the Provisions be good, and whether any have been carried out or brought in to the Patients clandestinely; and that they enter what they think observable in a Book provided for that purpose.

XCVII. THAT the Apothecary, Matron, and Servants be ready to attend the Visitors in the Board-Room; and when the Visitors enter the Wards, the Servants withdraw, and the Patients stand by their respective Beds.

All Persons who are disposed to contribute by Will to this Charity, are desired to do it in the following Manner :

I Give and bequeath unto A. B. and C. D. the Sum of _____ upon Trust that they pay the same to the Treasurers, for the Time being, of the PUBLICK or GENERAL INFIRMARY at CHESTER ; which Sum I charge upon my personal Estate, and desire it may be applied to the charitable Uses of the said INFIRMARY.



Form of a Letter to recommend Patients.

GENTLEMEN,

I Recommend to your Examination of the Parish or Township of _____ who I am well satisfied is a real Object of Charity, and destitute of Friends to procure Advice and Medicines ; and desire _____ may be admitted an _____ Patient of the INFIRMARY, if duly qualified.

Form

Form of an Answer when the Person recommended is thought improper to be admitted.

General Infirmary at Chester.

SIR,

BY Order of the Weekly Board now Sitting I beg Leave to acquaint you, that recommended by you as an Patient appears upon Examination improper to be admitted,

CHAIRMAN.

Form of an Answer when the House is Full.

SIR,

BY Order of the Weekly Board now Sitting I beg Leave to acquaint you, that recommended by you for an In-Patient, cannot yet be received into the House for want of Room; but is now entered in the Books, and made an Out-Patient, and will be received into the House upon the Vacancy.

CHAIRMAN.

Form

*Form of a Notice to be sent to the
Person recommending, when a
Patient is discharged for Irre-
gularity.*

General Infirmary at Chester.

SIR,

BY Order of the Weekly Board now
Sitting I beg Leave to acquaint
you, that being on Examination fully
assured of the irregular Behaviour of
recommended by you, they
have thought themselves obliged to dis-
charge him.



*Form of a Letter to be sent to Sub-
scribers who are in Arrear.*

General Infirmary at Chester,

SIR,

IN Compliance with the Rules of this
Society I am to acquaint you, that it
appears by the Secretary's Books, that
your

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Secretary
£10 /*

*poor house
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*£10-10
Lodging Board*

washing fire

*Candle & accounts
to attend*

Value £40

your Subscription of
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has not yet been received ; it is therefore
the Request of the Board that you will
be pleased to pay it to one of the Treasurers or Correspondents, and excuse this Application, as it is the constant Usage of other INFIRMARIES in the like Case.

CHAIRMAN.

Chester, July 18, 1755.

Read and approv'd by the General Board.

TRAFFORD BARNSTON, } Treasurers.
WILLIAM COWPER, }

P O S T S C R I P T .

IF the Subscription has been paid to any of the Correspondent-Receiver, of which no Notice has been sent to the Board, your Pardon is begg'd for this Application.

F I N I S .

The Statutes of the General Infirmary at Chester

Chester, 1763

National Library of Medicine

Bethesda, Maryland

CONDITION PRIOR TO TREATMENT

There was no cover. There were remnants of deteriorated leather on the spine. The sewing was missing. Adhesive attachment held some leaves together. The title page was discolored and heavily soiled.

There were tears throughout.

TREATMENT

The text block was disbound. The edges of the text block and heavily soiled leaves were surface cleaned with grated and solid vinyl erasers. The text was washed in a bath of deionized water and deacidified in an aqueous solution of magnesium bicarbonate. The leaves were repaired with Japanese paper and wheat starch paste. The book was re sewn by hand with unbleached Irish linen thread with the addition of new end leaves of handmade paper. The spine was lined with both Japanese and Western paper using wheat starch paste adhesive, and a layer of unbleached Irish linen with PVA adhesive. The book was recovered in a non-adhesive paper cover that is reinforced with acid-free buffered board. The surface pH after treatment was 8.2.

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