

OREGON STATE HOSPITAL

Salem, Oregon

May 11, 1938

Mrs. G. H. Strout
1730 N. E. Victoria Avenue
Portland, Oregon

Re Louise Strout

Dear Madam:

Your letter to the State Board of Control was referred to this office for reply, and will state that I have made a personal investigation of your complaints and have instructed the nurses in charge to show you proper respect and consideration when you come to visit your daughter.

You may be interested to know that each Wednesday our system of housekeeping requires the airing of bedding and naturally you saw the bed rooms in a condition of seeming disorder. Nevertheless, I assure you that we keep the temperature on the wards from 70 to 75 degrees F., and look carefully after the creature comforts as well as the medical and other forms of treatments as pertains to our patients to the best of our ability.

Your daughter unfortunately is suffering from a mental sickness characterized by certain false beliefs wherein she believes she is being punished for her past sins, that she is to be placed in a dungeon or the morgue and searches out many depressed and discouraging ideas and accepts them in order to suit the way she feels.

Many of these cases make a complete recovery but they run a long drawn out course. You must learn to be patient with us and we will do our best to bring this happy result about.

Yours respectfully,

J. C. Evans, M. D.
Superintendent.

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