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The city morgue, which is connected to the Hospital, requires a water supply and drainage, when all would be complete.

The electric light, which was put in early last year, is a great improvement on the former coal-oil lamp, both as regards usefulness and safety.

Before appending the classified lists of the number of diseases treated and operations performed during the years allow me to make a few suggestions:

1st. As to the advisability of building a separate hospital for the treatment of infectious cases at the south-west corner of the grounds where the laundry now stands.

The present isolated wards, although doing good service, are not satisfactory in many respects, and if a new branch were erected for infectious diseases these wards could be renovated at a small cost and converted into a fever department.

2nd. As to the unsuitableness of the present laundry, I have only to reiterate Dr. O'Reilly's suggestion in last year's report. It is inconveniently situated, too small, and inefficiently equipped.

3rd. The present number of private wards is insufficient, every available ward being occupied at times and patients having to go elsewhere for accommodation.

Again, there are over fifty students attending the hospital this winter, consequently when the attending and hospital staffs are present the operating theatre is found to be uncomfortably and inconveniently crowded. It is also expensively and unsatisfactorily heated.

The length of the corridor between the administrative and main building, also the corridor leading to the operating theatre, are unnecessarily long and inefficiently heated.

These difficulties must be overcome in time, and it would be an easy matter, providing the funds were forthcoming, to overcome them by extending the main building as far as the corridor leading to the operating theatre, and out as far as the east side of the theatre.

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