

having, on placing her here, carefully, or negligently, withheld the fact, though well known to him. This is a highly censurable sort of silence, and the friends of the suicidal insane should be admonished to communicate every fact which has even led them to *suspect* the propensity.

It is very gratifying to me, on this occasion, to have to thank your Board, on behalf of the inmates of this house, as well as on behalf of others requiring to be in it, for the persistent zeal manifested by you in advocating the completion of our building. The grant made last year by the legislature, as an initiatory provision, has enabled your Board to take the requisite preliminary measures for entering into contracts for the works; and it is hoped the ensuing summer will see them promisingly advanced. It is hardly probable that it will fall to my fortune to enjoy the gratification of presiding over this Asylum in its completed state, but it will ever be a pleasing remembrance to me, that under the most discouraging auspices I never flagged in my efforts to enlist the aid of the whole community in advancing the enterprise. I cannot sufficiently thank your Board for all the kind attention, if indeed I might not also say *forbearance*, with which you have listened to all my representations, not only on this head, but on every other matter relating to the comfort and welfare of my patients. *They* cannot *all* thank you, but they are all capable of distinguishing their real friends, and it is a pleasing duty to teach them to recognize such in all the members of your Board.

I am, Gentlemen,

Most respectfully, &c., &c.,

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