

NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GOVERNORS OF THE
PROTESTANT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

MONTREAL, 23rd January, 1896.

*To the President and Governors of the
Protestant Hospital for the Insane :*

GENTLEMEN,—The Board of Management have the honor to submit their Ninth Annual Report, ending 31st December, 1895, along with those of the Medical Superintendent and Auditor.

In so doing they are pleased to inform the Governors that the income from maintenance has met the expenditure, apart from interest on bonds and permanent improvements.

The contract with the Provincial Government expired last July. Under its terms it was found that the remuneration of \$116 per public patient, per annum, was insufficient to meet the cost of maintenance. This fact having been brought to the notice of the Government, a temporary arrangement was entered into whereby the Government assumes the payment of the interest on \$150,000 for three years from 1st July last, thus relieving the institution to the extent of \$6,750 per annum. In addition, the Government guarantees to pay the interest, from 1st January, on a further issue of debentures to the extent of \$35,000, the conditions being the same as in the former loan. With this sum is to be erected a new building for imbecile and violent patients, for which class there is a constantly increasing demand for admission. It was thought, that when the new wing was built two years ago this want would have been supplied, but unfortunately such has not been the case, and on representations being made to the Government they concurred with your Board that further accommodation was a necessity. An additional building, to accommodate 100 patients of the class just indicated, is therefore being proceeded with. It will be situated at short distance from the western end of the main building.

Your Board would desire to call attention to the improved appearance of the grounds, by the planting of trees and shrubs, underdraining and laying out roads, and also to the entrance gates to