

year was 970, and the number of deaths 38, so that the death rate for the year was 3.92 (as against 4.76 for the year ending September 30th, 1880, 4.91 for the year ending September 30th 1879, and 5.1 for the year ending September 30th, 1878). The deaths were all due to natural and unavoidable causes, except two, which will be more especially mentioned further on in this Report—a case of suicide and one of maniacal homicide.

REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS MADE.

I said in my last report that the work done under this head during that year was greater in amount than was ever done in any twelve months before; during the same period just closed it has been still greater.

(1) We have built a good frame house, containing eight rooms, for the farmer, in a convenient situation, just back of the farm buildings.

(2) We have built a large and commodious kitchen and scullery for the use of the Refractory Asylum, and fitted them up with steam kettles, sinks, and everything requisite. Before this was built we used one of the basement dining-rooms for a kitchen and the other for a scullery, but as the basement was to be occupied by patients, these rooms could no longer be used for such purposes.

(3) Having found that a large saving of coal was effected by the change made last summer in the arrangement of the steam heating pipes of the east wing of the Refractory Asylum, and that that wing was also better heated than before the change was made, we this year made the same change in the arrangement of the steam pipes of the west wing of that building.

(4) We have put furnaces and pipes in the north cottage for the purpose of heating that building with hot water, expecting this change to be a source of economy, and also of comfort