

and also to the fact that the new improvements in putting in water into the Home, would take up two of the rooms hitherto available for patients, the Committee decided to build a new wing for the use of the male patients exclusively. When we remember that the Home has only been in operation for four years, for it was only regularly opened for the admission of cases on March 1st., 1887, it will be seen how great has been the growth of the work, and how the public are realizing more and more the necessity of a Convalescent Home.

As the Committee after their four years experience in managing Hillcrest, had gained a clear idea of what was actually needed ; we decided to manage without an architect. Mr. Darragh drew the plans for the new wing, and Mr. Dudley was our builder.

The New Wing which was formally opened on Thursday Oct, 22nd., is built to the north-west corner of the former building, and is 48 ft. 4 in. in length by 28 feet in width. It will accommodate 27 men. Great care was taken in building it to match the first house. It is of red brick, roofed with slate and is comfortable and commodious in every respect ; for while it was our endeavor to avoid all unnecessary expense, we had determined that everything should be solid and substantial. The walls are of an extra thickness ensuring warmth and quiet, and are finished with adamant plaster; the floors are of hardwood throughout, except the top flat, where the traffic will be less; the woodwork is plain and good. Great pains have been taken to secure the most satisfactory system of water supply, and our baths, etc. have the newest sanitary arrangements, approved by hospitals. The wide verandahs which have given so much comfort to the patients have not been omitted. In short every one who has seen the wing will