

us but a short time only before his illness, and while engaged in the care of patients, gained their good will, and that of his associates.

Besides the loss of these attendants, we have to deplore the death, by drowning, of William Martin, baker to the Hospital. In August he went to Halifax "on leave," and on returning fell over the wharf, on one of the darkest nights of the season. He bore an exemplary character.

### INCENDIARISM,

We had last year to report a determined attempt. This year two minor attempts were made, but happily they were early discovered and promptly frustrated. We had previously been supplied with Babcock's fire-extinguishers; but in the cases just alluded to, the flames were subdued before these were brought into requisition. We can not be too thankful for our escape.

### UNEXPECTED RECOVERIES,

In June, 1860, No. 101, a married woman, who had previously had two short attacks of insanity, was admitted to this Hospital, laboring under delusions of a distressing character. At varying intervals, her manner became domineering, and her words flowed too rapidly for utterance. At all times she preferred to seclude herself from the other patients; and except at meal times, or when out for walking exercise, she was seldom out of her room.

After more than fifteen years of Hospital residence—with daily manifestations of disordered mental condition—it was peculiarly gratifying to note in the autumn of 1875, a marked change in her manner and appearance. Gradually she threw off her reserve, and became friendly with those with whom

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