

PROVINCIAL LUNATIC ASYLUM, TORONTO.

I have visited this large Institution several times during the year. Little more need be stated regarding its condition and management than that the same scrupulous observance of extreme cleanliness, regularity and careful treatment which has uniformly marked its administration during the long incumbency of its present Medical Superintendent, is strictly maintained.

Whilst the most untiring devotion is bestowed to the material wants of his patients, their recreation and amusements are not less the objects of that devoted officer's paternal solicitude. Such enjoyments as conduce most to their health and pleasure, and as they can best appreciate, are liberally provided for them. The flower grounds are beautiful, the pleasure walks improved, the delicacies of the fruit and vegetable gardens cultivated with but the single object—the happiness and improvement of the afflicted ones committed to his care.

It is no wonder, then, that Dr. Workman should gain that beneficial influence over his patients which he possesses in so marvellous a degree, and which, aided by a benign Providence, has produced results hardly inferior to those recorded of the most successful institutions of the old world.

The want of accommodation for the many distressing cases for which applications are incessantly being made, has been the cause, for several years, of much pain and anxious consideration to the Medical Superintendent. This want is at length about being supplied through the liberal spirit of the Government in ordering the erection of the wings designed in the original plan to form the completion of this noble structure, and which, when finished, besides yielding accommodation to some two hundred additional patients, will afford means of classification never hitherto practicable, and place it in the front rank of the benevolent institutions of the entire continent.