

Asylums in the adjoining States, in order to obtain accurate information as to the improvements which have been made during the last few years in the details of Asylum Architecture. This task was executed by the Architect, to the entire satisfaction of the Inspectors, and at a very trifling cost. The information obtained by Mr. Tully, on his visit to the Asylums in the States, greatly assisted him in the work of elaborating the new plans for the wings and hospital. Every care was taken by the Inspectors, the Medical Superintendent and the Architect, to make these plans, in all respects, as perfect as possible, and to have them completed at the earliest possible day, so that no unnecessary delay should take place in proceeding with the work of building. In the month of October the Architect was able to invite tenders for the work, and the Inspectors need only add that everything was arranged for the commencement of the works at the earliest moment in the present year.

ASYLUM ACCOMMODATION.

The Inspectors have frequently taken occasion, in former Reports, to point out the pressing need of increased accommodation for the insane in both Upper and Lower Canada. In their Report for 1864, they devoted a special memorandum* to this very important topic. In reverting to the matter this year, the Inspectors have great pleasure in calling special attention to the remarks contained in the Report of the Superintendent of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum. Dr. Workman discusses this large and difficult question in all its bearings—social, medical, and economic—with his accustomed force and practical ability.

It will be seen, on referring to the accompanying Schedule (A), that the number of lunatics in the Asylums of Upper Canada at the close of the year 1865 was 860, and (assuming the approximate correctness of the estimate made by the Inspectors in their Report for 1864) the number of lunatics in that section of the Province, *not* provided with accommodation at the close of the

* See Special Appendix of Report for 1864.