

burden is equally divided, and does not weigh heavily upon any one; and not only so, but, as many of our patients are Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, etc., the new arrangement is, on the whole, fully as pleasing to them as was the old one. In this connection I may say that there are two subjects of regret: first, that we have not a proper chapel, in a situation easy of access, which could be reached by the old and infirm as well as by the comparatively young and active; and second that we cannot have Catholic as well as Protestant services. A large part of our population is Catholic. To remove these two difficulties I have in former reports asked that a chapel be built, in a convenient position in the rear of the main Asylum, and about midway between it and the cottages and the Refractory building, and I still ask that this may be done. We could ourselves build a frame chapel such as we require, say 50x30 feet, and fit it up with seats, heating apparatus, and everything requisite, if we were allowed say two thousand dollars to purchase materials and to employ a couple of extra carpenters for a few weeks. Should we be allowed to build a chapel, it could and would be so constructed as to be used by both Catholics and Protestants.

CASUALTIES.

It is said that misfortunes never come singly. We have had no suicide or homicide at this Asylum since I have had charge of it (now nearly five years) until the present year, when we have had both a suicide and a homicide. A second suicide, or accidental death (I think the latter), occurred in the case of a woman who had eloped from the Asylum the day before; and a patient had an arm broken by an attendant. The exact facts in the four cases are as follows:—

1. On the night of the 3rd of May, 1881, J. A. committed suicide by hanging himself with a sheet to the ventilator of his room. When found about 11 p.m. he was quite dead. The body was at once cut down, the coroner was notified, and