

much congested. The quantity of serum effused into the arachnoid cavity and the lateral ventricles was not great.

The case of "general brain, softening without paralysis," occurred in a man who was addicted to self abuse. He had never complained of pain in the head, but was very dull and apathetic. He was much emaciated before death. He showed none of the indicating symptoms of *general paresis*. His condition was that of general cachexia, and he had two invasions of purpura.

The brain was found universally softened. When cut into, it ran like cream. The right middle lobe was deeply congested. The membranes were firmly adherent on the upper surface of the whole brain. The lungs had no tubercles, but showed marks of recent inflammation.

The peritoneum was of a dark bluish colour, and showed numerous adhesions. The intestines were firmly glued together, and numerous tubercles were found in the peritoneal folds. The liver was large, but not changed in texture.

#### GENERAL OBSERVATIONS.

Of the general course of administration of the affairs of this Institution, so far as under my control, I have little to note. Every department has been conducted to my entire satisfaction, and the efficiency and fidelity of all the officers and servants have been such as to merit high commendation.

Since the issue of my last report three additional newspapers, the *Stratford Beacon*, *London Daily Prototype*, and *Ottawa Daily Citizen*, have by the kind liberality of the publishers, in response to my appeal, been sent to us gratuitously. All are read with gratification by the inmates, and contribute much to their amusement and improvement. The *Globe* is much asked for, but is supplied at my own expense.

The improvement of our grounds has this season received much attention and labour, but until the place is vacated by the builders, which I apprehend will not be before a couple of years more, it will be impossible to carry out the general plan in view.

It would be no vain gratification to see this Asylum surrounded by grounds more beautiful than those of any other house in Canada. Even now in their incomplete, and in some parts deformed, state, they are admired by many. I do not believe that any labour about an insane Asylum is more profitably applied than