

travel without danger from one extreme to the other of the building on the outside along the ridge of the roof and carry a length of hose as well.

It has also been so arranged that access to the roof is attained without difficulty from the top of any one of the verandahs that are placed at each of the main sections into which the building is divided.

There are also spare lengths of hose at the top of each of these verandahs with a hose attachment, and as well a skylight which can be opened from the outside to permit entrance to any of the attics at any time.

As a result we have independent access from the outside by (iron) apparatus always in place to any part of the building outside or inside with hose connections conveniently situated, so that one man (with his ordinary ward key) can reach any place with a hose and be a completely equipped fire brigade.

There has been a great deal of painting and general repair carried on, which a building as old as this always requires.

The roof on the centre building has been renewed and all the old wooden ventilators (being discarded) have been removed.

The pathway over the roof of the building (above referred to) was found very convenient for the workmen who were conducting extensive repairs on the roof, so that this addition was desirable, apart altogether from its probable service in case of fire. Its appearance is rather an improvement than otherwise.

New cast iron water gutters have been put around the south end of the building to replace the worn out zinc ones that had been in use.

We have had two pieces of our very stony land cleared the past year—one lot of four or five acres partly by contract—and another of two acres (a very difficult job) was done by the patients—we had from 50 to 70 men out daily at work.

#### REQUIREMENTS.

Lake Maynard (our water supply) was unusually low all last summer and has not yet filled—and it is plain to any one who examines into the question that we must supplement our supply.

This may be done in various ways, four of which I will suggest:—

1st. If the run or stream coming from the south into which the overflow of Lake Maynard at one time passed, were to be dammed, a supply of water from a comparatively large watershed could be thrown into Lake Maynard.

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