

the growth of this frightful vice may not be due, as the Medical Superintendent inclines to believe, to the too severe exactions and restraints of modern training and modern society.

The Inspectors congratulate the country that effectual steps have at length been taken towards the completion of this important Provincial Institution, in accordance with the original design, at least so far as the general plan of the Asylum is concerned.

The Medical Superintendent and the Inspectors, in their respective Reports, have again and again represented the urgent necessity of erecting the wings of this fine building, not only for the purpose of providing additional Asylum accommodation for the insane, (which all admit to be necessary,) but also with a view to complete the Asylum, which, wanting the wings, did not possess the means of classifying the inmates,—a provision now universally admitted to be essential to the full efficiency of a curative hospital for the insane.

The Legislature having appropriated the sum of \$25,000 during the last session for the proposed wings of the Toronto Asylum, the Inspectors lost no time in making, in concert with the Medical Superintendent, the necessary preliminary arrangements for commencing the works.

The Inspectors accordingly spent several days at the Asylum in discussing with the Medical Superintendent and the Asylum Architect the original plans, prepared by Mr. Howard, of Toronto. For these plans, be it observed in passing, Mr. Howard is entitled, in the opinion of the Board, to no slight praise, as they were evidently prepared with great care and after a thorough study of Asylum Architecture. It seemed, however, desirable to modify the plans for the proposed wings in several minor details, and to add to the original design two detached Hospitals, one for males, the other for females. The frequent appearance in the Asylum, during the last few years, of alarming contagious diseases, had made the necessity of detached hospitals for such cases painfully evident. Let us pray that we may not have, during the present year, a further illustration of their necessity.

Before determining upon the precise modifications and changes to be adopted in the plans, the Inspectors deemed it advisable to send the Asylum Architect, Mr. Tully, to visit some of the Model

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