

classes above named, has honored the institution by paying us a visit during the autumn months both on her route to Prince Edward's Island, and thence to Quebec. To Miss Dix we are indebted for the selection of the site on which the Hospital is built, than which as regards situation no choice could possibly have been more judicious. To her also we owe the very excellent design of the building kindly furnished by Dr. C. H. Nicholls, the Superintendent, and Thos. U. Walter, Esq., Architect of the Government Hospital for Insane at Washington. Miss Dix has recently placed us under further obligations as noticed under the heading 'Acknowledgements.'

We have been favoured this year by visits from members of the Government collectively, and individually, more frequently than in any other season. These official visits tend to encourage the officers of the Hospital, and stimulate to continued effort. They are gratifying also to patients and attendants, as showing that they are cared for and looked after by those having their welfare at heart. The results of these visits we trust has been to interest more deeply than ever the governing powers in the requirements of the insane as a dependent class, in their curability when brought early under treatment; and in the social and pecuniary benefit of extending to them the most ample protection of the State.

The Board of Commissioners have visited the Hospital from week to week, frequently at uncertain intervals, and have recorded the results of their