

For the kind instruction and support of your Board, in carrying out the arduous and responsible duties required of me, I beg to tender you my hearty thanks.

The institution still continues to receive a liberal gratuitous supply of the respectable newspapers of the Province; and on behalf of those benefitted, I would present their grateful acknowledgments.

Our Library is pretty well stocked with books suitable to our people; about 200 of the smaller volumes were transferred to the Malden and Orillia Branches.

The permission of His Excellency, given a few years ago, to expend £20 yearly, in the purchase of new books, has not been acted on to the full extent.

Our corridors and sitting rooms present, I think, a better and more numerous collection of pictures, than any other asylum I have visited.

Our shrubberies, flower-beds, and fountains, have, in summer, invested the asylum with a pleasing aspect, which seems to gratify visitors as much as ourselves. Probably no other agency in the cure of insanity, has a more beneficial effect.

Musical entertainments, pic-nics, moderate dancing, and occasional holiday festivals, combine to enliven, invigorate, or soothe the enfeebled sufferers, who come here for renewal of mental and bodily strength. It is now understood by candidates for discharge, that they have to attain a certain degree of fatness before they can be set at liberty; and that those who are bad eaters, must remain long. Our annual bill for drugs is not formidable.

The religious services by the denominational clergymen of the city, have been well kept up, and have been duly appreciated.

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