

It may naturally be asked, how it is, that, considering these material difficulties, it has been possible to attain so favorable a result for the unfortunate inmates treated in the institution, and one so economical for the authorities, who entrust them to us?

There is no secret in it.

Our asylum is comfortable, but modest both in its interior and exterior; scrupulous neatness takes the place of decoration. Our efforts tend to give to its interior the privacy of domestic life, not such as it is seen among the better classes, but such as it is to be found among humble and honest artisans and sober and industrious farmers; for the patients received into our institution principally belong to the industrial and agricultural classes. However, even in this category are included some belonging to poor families, and some to those in easy circumstances. Thus, do our efforts tend to make our institution as acceptable to the rich as to the poor, and to give to these unfortunates the mode of life to which they were accustomed or to which they looked forward, when in the possession of their reason. We consider it would be imprudent to overstep this limit in our present condition.

These remarks apply as well to asylums under State control as to private institutions, and the opinion upheld by the celebrated Berthier might apply to many other foreign institutions, and especially to a certain number of asylums in America.

"In any case, we need not fear to say: If the *Mont de Vergue* Asylum is distinguished for its order, discipline and management, it errs on the side of its advantages..... it is too luxurious. Thus, to give an idea, its dormitories