

Our good friend, Mr. Colin McArthur, has continued to donate us all the wall-paper, friezes, etc., required, so that the work of plastering and decorating the walls of the wards and stairways has been vigorously pushed, and but very little is now left of the once unsightly, bare, brick walls. The amusement hall is being treated in the same way.

REQUIREMENTS.

Our most pressing requirements may be thus enumerated:—

A nurse's home where, when off duty, they may be free from the worry and noise incident to ward life.

A detached residence for the Medical Superintendent and his family, a system now almost universally adopted in similar institutions.

Cottages for married employees, so as to make their services available when off duty, in case of emergency.

Outside workshops for the introduction of a greater variety in the occupations of our patients.

A summer-house for female patients, and a greenhouse for the cultivation of flowers for the wards and grounds.

GROUND.

Under the direction of Mr. Frank Roy, Superintendent of Mount Royal Cemetery, the whole of our front grounds, as well as those around the annex, have been got into excellent shape, and present a pleasant outlook of verdant lawns picturesquely dotted with clumps of trees and shrubs. The old orchard, which has done such excellent service during the past seven years in providing our patients with a shady retreat from the summer sun, has been levelled and all the old and partially-decayed trees removed, leaving only those worthy of preservation as ornaments to this nook. It is now only a matter of time for the growth of the trees to make the hospital grounds as beautiful as any to be found in the neighborhood of the city.

In the carrying on of this work the following were the most important items of labor. A terrace, 550 feet long, 15 feet wide and averaging 2 to 3 feet in height, built around annex; 600 feet of macadamized carriage road and 750 of ditch laid with eight-inch tile, constructed around same building; 2,540 square feet of sod laid on slope of terrace and along borders of walks; 1,080 feet of gravel walk, eight feet wide, made through different parts of the grounds; 912 square feet of cobble stone paving laid around entrance lodge, gymnasium and gables of annex to catch the water drip from the roofs; 75 tons fine gravel spread over roads and walks; 980 rose bushes and other shrubs planted out.