

seldom happens that an insane person will break his word.

2ND.—READING. It is to be regretted there is no library for the use of the inmates. A few books have been purchased from time to time but there is not that variety which is required to suit the different tastes of the patients who are capable of reading. They are particularly fond of reading the newspapers, to know what is passing. Messrs. Scobie & Balfour send two copies of the *Colonist*, free of charge,—a boon to the institution, worthy of special acknowledgment.

3RD.—AMUSEMENT. Encouragement is given to every proper and practicable sort of amusement. A ball was given to them in January, which, as well as the previous preparation for it, was highly beneficial. During the whole of the winter, in the branch Asylum at the parliament house, the Friday evenings were appropriated for dancing, and, for some time past, the Wednesday evenings for singing; this arrangement was found to be of great service to the patients generally, from the bodily exercise it gave them, as well as from furnishing both amusement and occupation to their minds.

4TH.—MANUAL LABOUR. Nothing tends more to the recovery of the patients than useful employment. The females who were capable of using the needle have been constantly employed; indeed, in this way all the sewing required for the institution has been done. It is more difficult to find suitable employ-