

The putty in some of the windows is perishing, and the cement in many places is falling out. One of the patients, a Carpenter, with one of our indoor employees, have done a large amount of work this Autumn, in restoring putty to windows, and replacing cement around window frames in the lower story, but the upper windows still require repairs.

In September last, the water from Carleton Water Works was introduced into the Asylum. The arrangement which the Commissioners have made, includes a supply for barn and piggery, but to neither have the pipes yet been laid: we are therefore paying for a privilege of which we cannot avail ourselves, in consequence of not having pipe. I have enquired and ascertained that a pipe of sufficient size can be laid to both of these buildings—our opening and closing the trenches—for, say £25, and the plumbing work would cost about £5. Considering that the advantages would be so great, and that the cost would be comparatively so small, I beg strongly to recommend that the pipes should be laid down early in the Spring.

It is cause of deep gratitude, a sincere expression of which I would desire to make on the part of the insane, that the Government have provided £2,000 towards the completion of the north wing.

Preparatory to that work being proceeded with in the Spring, the excavation for the cellar and foundations has been made during last Summer, by the labour of men employed in the Institution, assisted by the patients, and as the house continues to be much over-crowded, it is hoped that the new wing will be in readiness for occupancy, at latest, by the end of August 1862. In the meantime, it will be difficult to accommodate all applicants for admission, as we have hitherto done.

Respectfully submitted by

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