

studying the various phases of mental disorder.

An opportunity having presented itself, by the arrival of a musical troupe, advantage was taken of it to give the patients an out-door entertainment which they thoroughly enjoyed. In the winter they had their usual sleigh-drives, and in the summer their annual excursion in the steamer "Mic-Mac," as also dancing parties, concerts, readings, &c., &c., as noted among the acknowledgements. Owing to a combination of adverse circumstances, scarcely any entertainments were given during the autumn months.

One of the female attendants met with a very serious accident by the falling of a dumb-waiter. Her face was sadly bruised and torn, leaving a permanent disfigurement. The hoisting rope became suddenly detached, and the waiter fell with great velocity.

Notwithstanding every precaution a certain amount of damage is done continually, by destructive patients, to clothing and furniture, and especially to bedding. On comparing notes with other superintendents, I find that our loss in this respect falls far short of the average of other similar establishments. The advantage of using thick glass for the windows in the North wing has been proved by the fact that during the past twelve months not a single square has been broken.

Among the improvements of the year may be noted the building of a new entrance lodge, the painting of the Hospital windows and other woodwork, and the raising, enlarging, and repairing of the barn. The plateau immediately in front of the Hospital has been carefully graded; and the entrance road has been widened and gravelled. Trees were planted on the road side and near the new wing, and these bid fair to add materially to the beauty of the grounds, which are assuming a more satisfactory appearance every year.