

properly fitted up as such. Moreover, a building of this kind, under the charge of a trained hospital nurse, is a necessity if we are to keep abreast of the times by the establishment of a proper training school for nurses. Some steps toward the organization of such a school have already been taken, but to carry it to any degree of perfection is impossible without an infirmary. The necessity for the training of the ordinary sick nurse is universally recognized,—it is no less important that the nurse who is to take charge of an insane patient should have received a proper training therefor. Still another reason for the speedy erection of such a structure is the fact that contagious disease is liable to make its appearance in our midst at any time. The spread of such disorder can only be prevented by having a place where all affected can be at once isolated. For this purpose an infirmary would be invaluable.

Among our other urgent needs are additional workshops for patients, a greenhouse for the cultivation of flowers for the wards, a summer-house for female patients, and a stage and scenery for the amusement hall.

ORNAMENTAL GROUNDS.

The grounds in front of and around the hospital have now begun to assume definite shape, although much still remains to be done. To one who knew the locality when the institution was first opened, it is surprising how great a change has been wrought during the past five years. At that time, the property was unfenced and the Hospital had the appearance of having been planted on some waste common; a dilapidated farm-house and some old, ramshackle barns stood between it and the public road, an eyesore to all; there was no means of reaching the institution except by driving across the fields, at the risk, in wet weather, of sticking fast on the way; the construction rubbish was still scattered about; there were no walks of any kind by which passage could be had from one part of the premises to another on the outside; and just at the eastern end of the main building was a large swamp-hole, where bullrushes throve, and which was constantly exhaling noxious vapors. To-day, a neat fence with handsome entrance gates shuts us off from the public road; the old barns have disappeared from the front; a picturesque lodge replaces the dilapidated farm-house; good driving and traffic roads lead from the highway to the hospital, and the new farm buildings in its rear; the remains of the contractor's brick and stone have given place to verdant lawns; one can get from one building to another dry-shod; and where was a loathsome swamp-hole is level sward.

During the past year the levelling of the eastern half of the grounds was finished, and the whole seeded down with lawn grass. The same was done behind the new wing and at the west end of the original building. Through these portions of the grounds were con-