

instances successful. No less than four of the patients made good their escape, three of whom were so far recovered as to be retained by their friends, and are now engaged in their daily avocations. The other unfortunately has never been heard of.

He was one of a party taking walking exercise on the Hospital grounds, and was not suspected of any disposition to escape. So soon as he was missed, an active search was instituted, and continued vigorously—but notwithstanding that friends joined in the endeavor all efforts were unavailing.

This case having occurred previous to the last meeting of the Legislature, it became the subject of inquiry before the Committee on Humane Institutions. In their report it is stated the "Committee is of opinion that the Superintendent and other officials exercised due diligence in making such search as was possible under the circumstances." They recommended a renewed search when the snow should have disappeared, and this was duly carried out, handsome rewards being offered as well—but all proved ineffectual.

From the opening of the Hospital to the present time, this is the only instance of an escape having occurred in which we have been unable to trace the movements or learn the destination of the patient.

ACCOUCHEMENTS.

During the past year, two cases of accouchement occurred. One was that of a married woman, who was delivered about three months after admission. Her mental condition was greatly improved; and she returned home a few weeks afterwards, taking her babe with her.

The other was a distressing case of seduction, the victim being a helpless epileptic, almost idiotic. When the fact of her pregnancy became known, it was duly reported, and steps were taken to guard the patient against accident or further injury. Her violent epileptic seizures, however, proved fatal to the fetus a week prior to delivery. When her accouchement took place an alarming hemorrhage occurred, which