

In addition to the deaths above enumerated there were 18 that occurred within three days after admission, making the total number of deaths during the year to be 57, and the total admissions to be 994.

Some very important alterations and several improvements have been made in the hospital building during the year, all of which, although involving a considerable outlay, it is believed, are calculated to increase the efficiency of the institution, and render it a more suitable Asylum for the indigent sick than ever heretofore. Amongst these may be mentioned, the erection of a new kitchen furnace with pipes attached, by means of which each story is plentifully supplied with warm water; the introduction of a dumb-waiter for the conveying of the food from the kitchen to the several wards; the painting of all the ward-floors in the Richardson wing, &c., &c.—It will be in the recollection of some of the members of the Corporation, that last year new and improved Water closets and Bath-rooms were constructed in each story of the Richardson wing; they have proved as efficient as was expected, and it gives us pleasure to state that similar conveniences are now being erected for the patients occupying the Reid wing and the centre of the hospital. In the same wing the staircase has been moved back some feet to permit the opening of doors in the passage between the body of the building and its two wings, and the communications thus made are protected by fire-proof iron doors. Some other improvements of less magnitude but much needed are also in progress; and the Committee of management have, in their last quarterly report, suggested the great desirableness of changing the present mode of heating the hospital by stoves, and substituting for it the use of steam as a source of heat; a mode that will be greatly more convenient than that at present employed, as well as more conducive to the health and comfort of the patients; and, although requiring a considerable expenditure in the first erection, it is believed that it will in the end be more economical. They have strongly recommended its adoption.

The Medical Board of the Hospital having long felt the want of suitable instruments in the performance of their duties, the original supply having been entirely worn out, and having never comprised many of the most modern useful instruments, a new and