

private attendants; but these rooms have never been occupied as contemplated, and they are now taken up, with numerous beds in each, for the lodgment of more humble patients.

There can be no reason why our Provincial Asylum should rank inferior to the State Asylum across the Lake, at Utica; or at least we should feel ashamed to admit the reason. It is a better constructed and a more handsome edifice, and, if completed, it would not have any superior on this continent. And yet our Canadian aristocracy do not blush when they beg for admission of their afflicted relatives into the Asylums of a people whom they often affect to despise. But our meanness becomes truly disgraceful when it is considered that the majority of American Asylums have been founded by munificent private donations. It is much to be desired that we should exhibit a larger amount of national consistency, and less national superciliousness.

The number of applications for admission of lunatics into this Asylum, during the past twelve months, has been 278. Of these cases 166 have been admitted: of the remainder a number recovered at home, and consequently did not avail of vacancies when offered; and several were unfit subjects for admission.

The arrearage of cases on the register of applications, now unprovided for, is about 60, and the number is rapidly increasing. Last month (February) has brought to hand 25 applications.

Were the erection of the desired new wings to be proceeded with immediately, at least two years, or probably three, would be required for their completion. During the next twelve months it will be found impossible to admit more