

of thankfulness to Providence for having dealt so mercifully with the inmates ; and they feel it due to the Superintendent to state that they ascribe, under Providence, the checking of these serious epidemics in the Asylum to the prompt, energetic and judicious measures adopted by him on their appearance.

When making their visits in May, the Inspectors observed with regret the enfeebled state of health of the Superintendent, and urged upon him the necessity of taking some relaxation from his anxious, incessant, and laborious duties. The Superintendent accordingly, with the strong recommendation of the Board, applied to your Excellency to be allowed to absent himself from time to time, for short periods, from the Institution. The permission was cheerfully accorded, and, although the Superintendent has availed himself but sparingly of the discretionary power granted him, the Inspectors are much gratified at being able to state that the health of this valuable officer was materially improved before the close of the year.

Later in the year, the admirable Matron, Miss Parkes, was induced, at the earnest request of the Medical Superintendent, to take leave of absence, for the benefit of her health, for about a fortnight. This, it may be remarked in passing, was the first holiday which Miss Parkes had permitted herself to take since 1854.

During the year the subject of improving the ventilation of the building was much considered by the Board and the Superintendent. The result of their joint deliberations was the establishing of ventilating flues in several of the wards and corridors, and the placing of two of Griffith's Archimedian Screw Ventilators over the main ventilating shafts of the building ; the ventilation of the whole building has been thus, at a very trifling cost, materially improved.

The Superintendent has devoted a large portion of his interesting Report to the discussion of a comprehensive system of providing for the wants of our curable and incurable insane. As this part of the Superintendent's Report will be noticed at length in a subsequent part of this document, it is unnecessary to do more than allude to this matter here.

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