

hearty reception accorded to them by the Medical Society of Nova Scotia.

The officers of the Hospital have all been favored this year with periods of relaxation, and during the summer visited different parts of the country. These annual holidays give renewed vigor to those whose daily duties are not of the most cheering kind. During the absence of the Assistant Physician, the Superintendent became ill; and until Dr. Fraser was recalled, Dr. E. Farrell, M. P. P., kindly gave his attendance upon several cases of severe illness, prevalent at that time.

The Board of Commissioners have paid their customary visits, weekly and oftener; and have continued to express the fullest confidence in the management.

In April, the Legislative Committee paid their annual visit of inspection, and reported as follows:

"The Committee on Humane Institutions beg leave to report that they visited Mount Hope Hospital for the Insane, and, under the guidance of the Superintendent, made an inspection of the Institution and its appurtenances. They found the buildings in excellent order, and all the departments of the Institution in efficient operation. The wards were neat and clean, and the furniture and bedding in good condition. The addition made to the building at the north end is now furnished and occupied, and is heated on an improved system, which has been found to work well."

"The whole condition of the Institution was very satisfactory, and the patients appeared to be comfortably attended to in all respects. A new and elegant organ, purchased by private subscription, has been placed in the chapel, and affords a valuable aid in conducting divine service. The committee have pleasure in testifying to the efficiency of the officers of the Institution, as evinced by the condition in which the several departments under their charge were found to be; and have to congratulate the country on the valuable services of the Superintendent in the management of this home for those afflicted by mental disease."

The Medical Jurisprudence Class of Dalhousie College, paid their customary weekly visits during the session, and received practical instruction in the diagnosis of insanity. Although your Superintendent has ceased to be connected with the Medical Faculty since their separation from the University, he has invited the class of 1875-76 to pay periodical visits, and has offered them every facility in

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