

everything relating to their well-being, and whose duty it would be to report, at stated periods, to the Governor of the State, whatever they might deem proper or useful to be made known, might meet your requirement. It would not be either necessary or advisable that such officers should exercise any immediate control or direction over the financial affairs of the institutions, or have any connection with the giving out of contracts, or the buying and selling operations, so long, at least, as your local boards of trustees, deserving of public confidence, continue to be appointed; for I would, not merely that such inspecting officers be unsuspected of favoritism, but I would place them above all reach of suspicion. As a matter of course, and a means of protection to your boards, against unjust accusations or insinuations, all their transactions should be submitted to the inspectors, whose duty it would be to report, faithfully, any observed impropriety.

Speaking from my own experience, I do not hesitate to say, that I always regarded this sort of governmental supervision, as my best protective against misrepresentation or revengeful slander, and I must add that the only instance in which I suffered from these, occurred before the establishment of our governmental inspectorship, when a local board failed in their duty of prompt and thorough investigation.

I would now crave your attention for a few minutes longer, to a subject of a different character, but of no less public importance than the preceding ones, and perhaps, as some of you may fear, of no less practical difficulty. It is the establishment of a thorough system of alienistic medical training, by means of which there would be produced an adequate supply of competent and efficient candidates for the various positions, from time to time becoming vacant in your asylums, and a