

House alluded to various improvements required in this institution, in order to render it more efficient as a curative establishment, and particularly to the necessity of completing the building according to the original design of the Architect, with a view to the securing of a proper classification of the patients, I abstain, on the present occasion, from pressing on the attention of your Honorable House for a due consideration of these matters.

I avail myself of this occasion to express, on behalf of the inmates of this Asylum, my acknowledgments to the various clergymen of this City who have, on every Sunday, gratuitously held Divine Service in the Institution; attendance upon which is always left for the decision of the patients themselves.

Religious exercises are, in all insane institutions, regarded as valuable curative auxiliaries; and I have no doubt they contribute materially to the consolation and comfort of many patients, and tend to imbue all who participate in them with a spirit of order and decorum.

The press of Canada has continued to the Asylum a liberal supply of newspapers, which are read by a great number of patients with much interest.

To that indefatigable philanthropist and firm friend of the insane in all lands, Miss D. L. Dix, we are under obligations for a renewed visit and a close examination of every part of both Asylums.

We have also to thank this lady for a valuable present of colored engravings for the decoration of our rooms and corridors. It is, however, by no means flattering to our own community to have to state that a foreigner has had the honor of setting so good an example.

Canada is advancing in many public and social virtues; and it is to be hoped that our insane will yet command that