

The occupation of this addition has greatly relieved the trying conditions incident to overcrowding, and enabled us to make a classification that has added much to the comfort and betterment of all. The present population of the building, which is designed to accommodate one hundred inmates, is fifty-seven.

INFIRMARY.

Our much-needed infirmary is at last an accomplished fact. The building has been handed over by the contractors, and as soon as furnished will be ready for occupation. It is a detached stone structure of ornamental design, having a capacity of twelve beds, with diet kitchen, operating and post-mortem rooms attached, and does credit alike to the architect, Mr. Taylor, and the Building Committee that superintended its erection. Every apartment is bright and well ventilated, while wide, open balconies, with a southern exposure, are provided, so that convalescing and even bed-ridden patients wheeled to them may enjoy the benefit of the health-giving breezes that sweep from the broad St. Lawrence across our verdant lawns.

When opened it will be in charge of a trained hospital nurse, being specially intended for medical and surgical cases which could not receive all the advantages of modern treatment in the general wards of the hospital.

PORTE-COCHERE.

The erection of a flight of granite steps, sixteen feet wide, protected by a handsome porte-cochère at the main entrance of the hospital, has greatly enhanced the appearance of the building. Doors lead from the quarters of the Medical Superintendent to the roof of the structure, which furnishes a pleasant airing space for, and adds much to the comfort of, the members of his family.

STABLES.

A new and commodious barn and horse-stable has been erected to replace that destroyed by fire on Christmas, 1896, but placed a considerable distance in rear of the original structure, the burning of which so greatly endangered our coal sheds and engine-house from its proximity thereto.

WATER SUPPLY.

An additional underground water tank, with a capacity of 90,000 gallons, was constructed early in the spring and connected with the