

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

Our religious exercises were highly appreciated by most of the inmates, and to many it was a great boon not to be deprived of the pleasure of attending church while here. It is a rare thing to see any disturbance during the service, and not a few of our patients can fully appreciate a good sermon.

To the clergymen of the various denominations, who have so generously given us the benefit of their talents, thanks are due and heartily tendered.

The average church attendance during the year was 95 men and 74 women, or a total of 169.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The chief improvements made in 1895 were as follows :

The boiler-house was enlarged to nearly double its former size and an additional steam boiler, of 75 horse-power, placed in position. Room was provided for still another boiler if needed at any future time.

The supply of hot water being inadequate to our wants, an additional water-heater, of 200 gallons capacity, was put in by the engineer.

Advantage was taken of the low state of the river to extend our sewer pipe 150 feet farther out into the stream. The increased strength of current thus obtained will prevent the lodgment of any sewage along the banks.

The number of wash-basins originally placed in the male public wards was quite insufficient, and fourteen new ones (Mott's enamelled iron) were put in by the engineer.

Five steam coils were made by our engineer and put into parts of the building not sufficiently heated by the Smead-Dowd system.

A new carpenter-shop was built, and is almost ready for occupation. It is a comfortable and commodious brick structure, heated by steam, and makes a step in the direction of the multiform work-shops I have been asking for. The brick-work was done by contract, but the carpenter-work and steam-heating by our own carpenter and engineer.

An easily accessible exit was made by the carpenter in the roof over the servants' quarters, as a means of escape in the case of fire.

The store-keeper's accommodation being too limited for our rapidly increasing population, the size of his store-room was doubled by throwing an additional room into it. It is now large enough to meet our wants for some years to come.

Eighty square yards of cement flooring was laid by our plasterer in the basement. It is intended to continue this much-needed work, as means will permit, until the whole basement has been refloored.