

A large number of our patients manifest great interest in reading the news of the day; and, though some portion of the contents of our newspapers may be badly suited to their improvement, still the average benefit is considerable. If it were possible to obtain papers free from atrocious details of crime, police reports, and other foul matter, our insane readers would be much relieved, and probably the public would not be much injured by the change.

The laundry recently erected in the rear of the Asylum has much benefitted the institution. Its want was so long felt as to render its value now very appreciable.

In the past summer a considerable additional portion of the farm was tile-drained, without any expense beyond the cost of the material.

The quantity of land available for cultivation is inadequate to the wants and labour capability of the Asylum. A triangular piece of land, belonging now to the Province, lies immediately west of the farm, in a waste state, and might be leased to the Asylum, resumable by Government at any time. It would be rendered more valuable by cultivation, and its products would be very useful to this institution.

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