

generous and kind. By his removal, death has deprived the institution of a sincere well-wisher, the officers of a gentlemanly co-worker, and the unfortunate lunatic of a benevolent friend.

The business of the year has resulted in at least ordinary success. In some respects it may be regarded as an annual period marked with more than average progress. The occupancy of the new wing is in itself a wide step in advance, and if it is my duty to record circumstances of an afflictive character, there are those of an opposite kind. Under trial we have experienced much real sympathy, and when success has crowned our efforts we have had many expressions of grateful appreciation.

The officers, non-resident and resident alike, actively engaged with me in conducting the business of the institution, have, as usual, most harmoniously co-operated in advancing its common interests—to them all, and more especially to the Commissioners, would I tender my warmest thanks.

With sentiments of the most profound gratitude to God, the giver of all good, for the blessings of the year, especially for preserving mercy, and again committing the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, in all its interests, to the care of the Almighty, I beg, most respectfully, to submit my annual report.

JOHN WADDELL.

*Provincial Lunatic Asylum,*

*St. John, N. B., Jan'y. 1, 1856.*

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