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sidered among the finest in the house, besides a large store room fitted up with shelves. The interior of the dome sky light has been completed in a plain and neat style, which has met with general approbation, and the finishing of this story has added greatly to the interior comfort and beauty of the building. The garret above this story has been roughly floored and fitted up, so as to form an extensive lumber and store room for many desirable purposes. The dome of the cupola, which required repair, has been covered with zinc; and the whole of the roof, hitherto of shingles, has been covered with slate, so that the danger from fire to which this part of the building has been exposed, is now greatly lessened. The cellars under this part of the Hospital have been much improved, by paving them with brick and by affording more light and air, by means of wide cellar doors with iron gratings, on the north front in the area. The iron railing and coping on the front wall, between the gates, which had been boarded up, has been removed and placed around the area in front of the centre building, where no protection previously existed, and forms a neat and durable protection there, much wanted.

In the erection of the new wing, great effort was made by Messrs. Brown, Barger, Gill and Griffith, the separate contractors for the excavation, brickwork, carpenters' work and slating, to get the building under cover this fall, and the remarkably favorable state of the weather during the past season, has enabled their efforts to be successful, as the slating is now entirely completed. By pursuing a different mode of construction here, from that used in the framing of the east wing roof, the garret of this part of the building is made available as a place of indoor exercise and recreation for female patients, affording an extended corridor or gallery of 150 feet in length by 12 wide and 8 high, well ventilated and lighted by sky lights, out of reach, in the roof. Ample provision has been made in this wing for warming and ventilating by the construction of proper flues in the walls. Besides the ventilation of the corridors, each room has a separate ventilating flue of 14 inches square, so placed, as when finished, to put it out of the power of the patients to obstruct it. The corridors have large apertures for the admission of warm air from the furnaces proposed to be fitted up below, in the basement story of which, three of moderate size will be sufficient to warm thoroughly this wing. The second and third floors have been counter-ceiled and floored, the garret floor is now being laid, and the basement joists and floor will be put down immediately. It is proposed to complete the lathing during the cold weather and proceed with the plastering as soon as the season opens, so as to complete the wing for occupancy by the 1st of September ensuing. The fixtures for the water closets, bath room and kitchens, are prepared, and the fitting up of these apartments will be executed without delay. The location of these rooms is shewn on the accompanying plan, and a similar arrangement is had on each floor for each class of