

BALTIMORE HOSPITAL,

26th August, 1818.

The board of visitors have much pleasure in announcing to the public, that within the last eighteen months, a large and elegant addition has been made to this valuable institution, in the erection of the East wing of the building. This wing is 152 feet in length and 36 in width, with an extensive southern projection at its extreme east end. It contains between 30 and 40 apartments, admirably calculated for the accommodation of every class of patients. Of this number are several large and airy wards, intended particularly for the reception of seamen, and well adapted to their various diseases. These different rooms and wards will be warmed by open fires, and by heated air thrown into them, from furnaces constructed on a safe and improved plan. Arrangements will also soon be made, for lighting the apartments in the entire building, with gas.

The varied exertions of Doctors Mackenzie and Smyth, the attending physicians of the hospital, in their attention to the construction of the building, and their care of the sick, have given character to this institution, which is now inferior to none in the United States. In the short space of six years, a most noble establishment has been erected—a thing without a parallel in this country. It is well known, that above half a century has been consumed, in bringing the hospitals of New-York and Philadelphia to their present size, and it is admitted by many gentlemen, who have visited these institutions, that the hospital here, is by far the most extensive—the whole building being now 360 feet in length.

The daily increase of the sick in the hospital, renders it absolutely necessary that the new wing should be finished; and every exertion is now making to have it completed, before the cold weather shall set in.

The visitors at their late meeting, examined the institution with much care—the apartments of the sick in the private infirmary—those in the lunatic asylum—and the wards of the sick and disabled seamen in the marine hospital—and they assert with confidence, that the sick and afflicted of every description are well accommodated & carefully attended. They have seen at their different meetings, the private patient comfortable; the wretched maniac humanely taken care of; and the sailor, disabled by age, wounds and sickness, well provided with suitable medical assistance, and with every other comfort which his condition may require. Indeed the agreeable situation in which this very useful class of men are placed, does much credit, as well to the director of the marine hospital, as to the attending physicians, to whose immediate care they are entrusted. Every praise too, which the visitors can bestow, is due to Mr. and Mrs. Gatchell, the steward and matron of the hospital, for the neat and clean manner in which the house is uniformly kept, and for their care and attention to the administration of the internal economy of the establishment.

Before they conclude this account of the hospital, the visitors would invite the attention of their fellow citizens throughout the U. States to the ANATOMICAL CABINET OF WAX PREPARATIONS, by Chiappi, which certainly far surpasses any thing of the kind ever exhibited in this country, and will afford to those whose curiosity may lead them to see how ~~carefully and~~ wonderfully they are made, but more especially to the medical student, a fund of useful information.

The hospital is under the care of the following medical gentlemen:

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| Doctor Colin Mackenzie, | } Attending Physicians. |
| James Smyth, | |
| Dr. Horatio Gates Jameson, | Att'dg Surgeon. |
| Doctor George Brown, | } Consulting Physicians. |
| John Cowter, | |
| John Campbell White, | |
| Solomon Birckhead, | |
| John Cromwell, | |
| Peter Chatard, | |
| Ashton Alexander, | |
| John Owen, | |
| William Donaldson, | |

By order of the board of visitors.

JOHN HILLEN, Sec'y.